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Dear Parents & Guardians:

As you know, the Similkameen River continues to rise due to heavy snowpack and unseasonably high temperatures. The prediction is that the river will continue to rise significantly this week peaking on Friday, May 18th. Residents in the area are currently under evacuation alert. We have been advised by the RDOS that if we continue to transport students by school bus between Princeton and Keremeos/Cawston (Hedley Run), they may be in the position of being evacuees and be dropped off at Emergency Operations Centres without the supervision or accompaniment of their parents. This will only complicate the relief efforts of the RDOS.

School District No. 53 School bus services will continue tomorrow, Tuesday, May 15th; However, effective Wednesday, May 16th to May 18th, 2018, buses will not run between Hedley and Keremeos/Cawston. Parents are asked to transport their children to and from school or keep them at home for these days. A copy of this letter will also be provided to bus students on Tuesday afternoon by their bus driver.

Unless you hear otherwise, bus transportation will resume right after the long weekend. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause and hope that all families remain safe during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Bev Young
Superintendent of Schools
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