Emergency Closings – Student Dismissal Precautions

When, in the judgment of the Superintendent, conditions exist which are hazardous to the health and safety of students, the Superintendent shall take appropriate action. Such actions include the following:

1. Delaying the opening of schools;
2. Dismissing students early from school;
3. Closing school for the entire day; or
4. Taking other action necessary to safeguard the health and safety of students.

The reasons for taking such actions include extreme climatic conditions, loss of electricity, inclement weather, and similar hazardous conditions. In the event that any of the aforementioned actions are taken, the Superintendent shall make appropriate adjustments in the student transportation system and communicate necessary information to employees, students, parents, and the community-at-large.

In the event of hazardous conditions within individual schools, principals shall take necessary action to safeguard the health and safety of students and employees.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services, the level associate superintendents, and the Associate Superintendent for Communications and Technology Services (or designees) are responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.


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