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POLICY

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WINTER WEATHER

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POLICY

Student safety shall be the primary concern that determines actions taken as a result of cold or inclement winter weather.

Responsibility Centre: Office of the Superintendent
References: *School Act*, Sections 73 and 85



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PREAMBLE

School operational procedures and expectations regarding staff and student attendance during severe winter weather must be clarified.

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REGULATIONS:

1. Schools shall not be closed because of cold or inclement weather.
2. The decision to keep a student at home for the day because of winter weather conditions shall be made by the parents.
3. School bus service will not be cancelled because of cold weather.
 - 3.1. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus for more than fifteen minutes past the scheduled pick-up time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or to another prearranged place of shelter.
4. Notwithstanding Regulation 1, school closures may be required for reasons other than winter weather. See Policy 6114 (Emergency Situations in Schools).

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES for use with Policy 3541.35:

Administrative procedures, including appendices, are the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Schools. They are included with policies for the purposes of transparency, clarity and ease of use.

“Administrative procedures” set out the specific management actions necessary at the school or department level to ensure that the policy and regulations are fully implemented.

1. On days when student attendance is reduced substantially because of cold or inclement weather conditions or because travel is considered treacherous, regular scheduled instruction may be modified for those students who attend school.
2. In advance of the cold weather months, schools should consult with parents and clearly communicate to parents what educational alternatives the school will offer in the event of low attendance caused by excessively cold weather.
3. Temperature alone does not warrant an “in day” although the guideline that has been used for quite some time has been (-20). Taking into consideration the many factors of inclement weather such as wind, rain, particulate matter, snow and temperature, the Principal shall make the decision as to keeping the students indoors. Safety of the students is always a priority.
4. Individual bus runs may be cancelled for the day (morning and afternoon runs) because of dangerous road conditions. Cancellations will be announced on local radio and posted on My School Bus Monitor as soon as possible after the decision to cancel a run is made.
5. Employees will report to their worksite as scheduled. Employees that are unable to attend their worksite must contact their principal or supervisor for further instructions.
6. Principals will ensure that parents are informed about Regulations 1 through 3 each fall and periodically through the winter months.

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