723.3

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The District Administrator or his/her designee, using the best sources of advice and judgment, may close school or modify the school day because of an emergency such as inclement weather, physical plant breakdown, student or staff disruption, fire, health, damage or danger. He/she shall make provisions to publicly announce such closings via available mass communication media as soon as possible after the decision is made.

Consideration for closing school maybe be initiated by the District Administrator or the transportation supervisor. The District Administrator will make the final decision on closing schools for a period not to exceed three days. Any closing longer than three days requires action of the Board of Education.

School may be closed for:

- 1. Failure of the buses to serve the District.
- 2. Inability to furnish adequate utilities in the school building(s) or to bring the temperature of the classrooms to a comfortable standard (above 60 or below 85).
- 3. Weather conditions that include an overabundance of snow and extreme high winds that make it difficult to walk extended distances to and from school buildings.

School-sponsored activities and practices are to be cancelled on the day when school is closed. Early dismissal of school will automatically serve to cancel school activities for the rest of the day. Exceptions may be made with respect to scheduled contests and performances.

The District Administrator shall develop procedures for school dismissal or cancellation.

Entrance to School Buildings

Students will be allowed in the buildings before school when the weather is inclement. The administration shall consider weather conditions such as rain, sleet, lightning and chill factor, in making the decision. Principals shall notify the students and the staff during the first weeks of school of the regulation regarding entrance to the buildings during inclement weather.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.01(10) Wisconsin Statutes

121.02(1)(f)

PI 8.01(2)(f), Wisconsin Administrative code

CROSS REF.: 723.3-Rule, Emergency School Closing Procedures

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