

Administrative Procedure 3051
School Closures – Disruptions

On occasion there may be need to close one, several or all schools due to weather, and/or health/safety concerns. The Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to exercise its authority under the *School Act* to temporarily close a school building if the health and safety of students is endangered. In such circumstances the closure shall be of the minimum duration possible and the superintendent shall inform the chair and vice-chair of the board and, when necessary all other trustees. The superintendent shall inform the board of actions taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board except in emergent or possible lengthy closures where the chair may call an emergency meeting of the board.

As per the *School Act*, the school medical officer may require a board to close a school when that officer considers the health and safety of students to be at risk.