

POLICY FLA – Temporary Closure of School(s)

Operating an effective and efficient school system requires the Board to make decisions regarding the day-to-day use of its facilities.

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines and a transparent process for temporary school closures in the event of staff unavailability, temporary loss of utilities resulting in unsafe conditions, or other reasons that make the facility unsafe for students.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. The Superintendent may temporarily close all or part of a school if conditions are unsafe for student attendance due to:
 - a) Staff shortages
 - b) Structural damage
 - c) Loss of utilities
 - d) Emergent order or other emergency
2. Parents and guardians will be informed as soon as possible through various communication mediums. Reasonable alternative online educational sessions may be provided during the first instructional day of any shift and will be provided if the shift exceeds one instructional day, except in extenuating circumstances.
3. Students unable to participate remotely will be provided alternative in-person learning options in a reasonable timeframe, although any transportation may be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
4. The Superintendent will inform the Board of any shift to remote learning and will inform the Ministry of any shift where the entire school moves from in-person learning to at-home learning, and acknowledges Ministerial approval is required for any shift of an entire school greater than three school days.

REFERENCES

Cross References:

[Policy FL](#) – Closure of School or Grade Reduction

[Policy FL Exhibit 1](#) – PWPSD Provision of Information for School Closure or Grade Reduction

Legal Reference:

[Education Act](#), Section 62

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