



Lawrence Public Schools

Policy of the School Committee

Section E: SUPPORT SERVICES

EBCD

Subject: EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Superintendent shall have the authority to close the schools or dismiss them early when severe weather or other emergencies threaten the safety of the children and staff members. In making this decision, he/she will check with the Director of Facilities and Plant Management, Transportation Manager, and other knowledgeable authorities.

Parents shall be notified early each school year of how announcements of school closings will be given. If schools are closed during the school day, every effort shall be made to assure the safety of children following the early dismissal.

Through the cooperation of radio and television stations and Channel 10, announcements will be broadcast concerning school closings on very stormy days.

During inclement weather, no parent will be expected to send a child to school if the parent believes the child's health will be endangered.

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