



POLICY SECTION: ADMINISTRATION

SUB-SECTION:

POLICY NAME: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

POLICY NO: A.16

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Cross References: TCDSB School Emergency Response Plan, Third Edition Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan, 2008 The City of Toronto Emergency Plan, December 19, 2003 Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan, 2009		
Appendix		

Purpose:

To provide requirements regarding the closing of schools as the result of an emergency.

Scope and Responsibility:

This policy applies to all TCDSB facilities. The Director of Education is responsible for this policy.

Alignment with MYSP:

Living Our Catholic values

Strengthening Public Confidence

Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being

Inspiring and Motivating Employees



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Policy:

A school or schools may be closed for a temporary period in case of an emergency arising out of inclement weather, fire, flood, breakdown of heating plant, the failure of an essential utility or a similar emergency, when the health, welfare or safety of children are in jeopardy.

This procedure will apply only after all efforts have failed to keep the school or schools open or to provide alternate accommodation or programs for the temporary period.

Regulations:

1. One school may be temporarily closed upon the authority of the Director of Education, when the emergency affects that school.
2. Where the emergency affects more than one school, the schools may be temporarily closed upon the authority of the Director of Education.
3. If the Director of Education makes the decision to close schools as a result of inclement weather and the decision is made in the morning before the school day begins, the Communications Department will inform the media and TCDSB community.
4. The Director of Education or designate will notify the local Trustee of the school closure.



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Evaluation and Metrics:

The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by measuring the following:

Trustees will be notified of all school closures.