

## Directive: School Closures

### Category: School Management

#### PREAMBLE

Section 116(2)(a) of the Yukon *Education Act* establishes that it is the responsibility of the CSFY to advise the Minister and provide guidelines with respect to school closures.

#### DIRECTIVE STATEMENT

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines with respect to the closure of CSFY schools. Only extreme circumstances shall warrant a school closure, and this does not include cold weather conditions.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The CSFY, in collaboration with school staff and the Department of Education, shall take all necessary precautions to guarantee the safety of students during periods of extreme cold by means of the following measures:
  - a) Communicating regularly with parents to remind them of their obligation to ensure that students are dressed appropriately before going to school in cold weather.
  - b) Ensuring that there are regular and efficient communication strategies in place in order to communicate school bus cancellations or schedule changes.
  - c) Ensuring that every school has a policy in place to adapt activities during periods of extreme cold weather, including with regard to student outdoor recreation, school opening and closing times, and the supervision of students.
2. Only the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health has the authority to close schools for public health reasons.
3. In any emergency situation, the evacuation procedures outlined in the school's emergency plan shall be followed. Afterwards, the Executive Director, in consultation with the school principal and the Department of Education, shall decide if it proves necessary for the school to be closed.

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4. If exceptional circumstances require that the school to be closed for a prolonged period of time, the CSFY, in consultation with the school principal and staff, shall establish an action plan to make up for any lost learning time.

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