

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the temporary closing of a school or all schools in the school system because of inclement weather or any other unforeseen occurrence that presents a threat to the safety of students and employees or causes major damage to school property. The superintendent shall notify parents, members of the Watauga County Board of Education (the “board”), the news media and other interested parties of a decision to close a school or schools as soon as it is feasible to do so under the circumstances.

In the event that an emergency closing is for a definite period exceeding one week, the superintendent shall notify the members of the board of education before making a formal announcement of the closing. A decision to close one or more schools for an indefinite period that is anticipated to exceed one week shall be made by the superintendent in consultation with the members of the board of education.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: Bad Weather Procedures (regulation 5050-R)

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