GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Policy: Extreme Weather Conditions

References No: P-AD-64

The Greater Essex County District School Board is responsible for establishing and communicating the board's process for ensuring the health and safety of staff and students during periods of extreme weather. It is the objective of the Board to keep all schools and workplaces open every instructional/ operational day, to meet the needs of students and the community.

Extreme Weather is defined by a Special Weather Statement issued by Environment Canada and/or the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

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In the event of extreme weather, the GECDSB has developed procedures intended to reduce the potential of health and safety implications, accidents or injuries to staff and students.

The Board relies on weather alerts provided by Environment Canada *(which is closely monitored by the board's Health and Safety Department)* to initiate the implementation of our safety and prevention protocols.

It is the responsibility of:

- Senior administration to establish and maintain procedures that deal with extreme weather conditions and communicate those to the school community.
- Administrators/supervisors to implement, promote and enforce the Board's extreme weather procedures.
- Employees to comply with the Board's extreme weather procedures. Employees should check and monitor weather conditions on a regular basis and dress appropriately based on the weather related conditions.
- The Superintendent of Business to provide weather alerts as promoted by Environment Canada to site based Occupational Joint Health and Safety Committees and the Facility Services Department based on the Board's Accident Injury Prevention Plan. In the event of severe weather alerts, being issued by Environment Canada the Facility Services Department shall implement the safety and prevention requirements.
- Parents/guardians to be aware of conditions and prepare their children accordingly. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to check the Board's website and social media accounts for important tips, information and updates.

Reference Documents:

- **Policy (P-AD-05)** and **Regulation (R-AD-05):** Inclement Winter Weather – Emergency School Closings and Transportation which outlines the processes when a decision has been made to close schools and childcare centres due to inclement weather;
- **Policy (P-PL-07)** and **Regulation (R-PL-07**): Air Conditioning which outlines approved cooling locations;
- **Extreme Weather** Events under "Family and Community Support" on the Board's website.