

Instruction**District Safety Program****Emergency School Closing**

The WUSD Board of Education accepts its responsibility to employ every reasonable means at its disposal to protect students and employees from situations which may pose real or potential threats to their health and safety. It further recognizes that situations may arise which will necessitate closing the schools – in whole or in part – in the exercise of this responsibility.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Board that the Superintendent of Schools or designee is authorized to close the District schools, delay or dismiss classes and activities early, suspend transportation services and release staff in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the health or safety of students and staff. If conditions affect only one school, only that school shall be closed.

The Superintendent is expected to utilize appropriate and available media to communicate notice of closings such that students, staff, parents, and others affected by this action are advised. Students, families and staff shall be informed early each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency school closings.

Legal Reference: **Section 115.01(10), Wisconsin Statutes**
 Section 121.02(1)(f)

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