

School Closure Information Provided to Parents and Employees

The following is a reminder about the Board's school closure procedure for students and employees.

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m., or earlier, on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email or text. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.

FOR STUDENTS

- Listen to the radio stations for announcements of school closures, as described above and on the mobile app.

FOR TEACHERS

- Teachers (NDTA) have a clause in their collective agreement which excuses them from attending on a day when classes are not in session due to inclement weather.

FOR SUPPORT STAFF

- CUPE staff have a clause in their collective agreement which excuses them from attending on a day when classes are not in session due to inclement weather (two paid days per school year).
Note: There are CUPE positions that have been classified as essential to operations ie: snow removal, where staff are required to work on days when classes are not in session due to inclement weather, staff in these positions have been notified.

EXPECTATIONS OF PRINCIPALS

Principals are expected to report to their schools on mornings when schools are closed, in the event that students arrive at school.

RENTALS – All rental agreements will be cancelled on the day of a school closure.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – In the event of a school closure day, all school activities will also be cancelled (eg. School sporting events/excursions, PAC meetings etc.)