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## SECTION 800– Facilities and Transportation

### **POLICY 806: SCHOOL CLOSURE UNDER EMERGENT CONDITIONS**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Situations may arise when schools may need to be temporarily closed for the safety of students, staff and visitors.

#### **POLICY**

Schools will remain open during regular school hours except when the safety of students, staff, and others are at risk. Severe weather conditions, the breakdown of service facilities, or natural, civil, or military emergencies may require the temporary closure of schools.

#### **GUIDELINES**

1. The Superintendent or designate will be responsible for making the decision regarding temporary school closures.
2. The Superintendent will advise the Board Chair and appropriate stakeholders in the event of a temporary school closure.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

[806 AP 001 – School Closure Under Emergent Conditions](#)

[806 AP 002 – School Bus Cancellation due to Inclement Weather](#)

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