

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent is empowered to close the Toronto City Schools, utilize a two-hour delay, or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health and safety of students and personnel. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening, or to dismiss students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued as may be possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school will be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent will consider many factors, including the following principle ones relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of children:

- A. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
- B. Driving, traffic and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.
- C. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
- D. Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

Students, parents, and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures which will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing. When the Toronto Schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members will comply with administrative regulations for reporting for work.