

110 MESC SITE CLOSURE

Belief

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) follows cultural and traditional teachings of the Maskwacis Cree, in particular Wahkohtowin. Wahkohtowin is the belief that all things are related and connected, that all of existence has spirit and that living in a good way requires us to maintain good relationships with each other and other aspects of existence. We recognize that respect for mother earth, elders, youth, and the Treaties are paramount to planning ahead and making decisions for future generations.

MESC believes that the safety of students and staff is of prime concern, therefore on rare occasions, it may be necessary to consider emergency site or MESC site closure.

Procedures

1. The decision to close a site for emergencies shall be made by the Superintendent in consultation with the Associate Superintendent of Business Services and the Director of Facilities and the site administrator or designate. Factors which may result in closure include, but are not limited to:
 - 1.1. Failure of plumbing, heating or ventilation installations of the nature likely to be detrimental to the health or safety of students or staff, and / or:
 - 1.2. Any other emergency conditions likely to be detrimental to the health or safety of students or staff.
2. The decision to close any MESC site for emergencies shall be made by the Superintendent. Factors which may result in closure include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.1. Extreme weather, such as a tornado, ice storm, or anything that is likely to be detrimental to the health or safety of students or staff.
3. In the event that a site closure is necessary:
 - 3.1. The site administrator shall immediately initiate steps to advise as many parents as possible, keep staff and students fully informed, and ensure the safety of all students and staff;
 - 3.2. If applicable, the Transportation Coordinator will contact all bus operators.
4. In the event that a site closure is necessary:
 - 4.1. The Superintendent or designate will notify the site administrator.
 - 4.2. The Superintendent shall post on the website the decision to close all MESC sites.
 - 4.3. If applicable, the Transportation Coordinator will contact all bus operators.

References:

MESC Emergency Management Handbook