



**DIVISION: OPERATIONS**

**POLICY #: OPER-603**

**POLICY NAME**

WEATHER OR FACILITIES RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURE

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) recognizes that a school or school system may have to close for a period of time in response to weather related events or infrastructure issues. The NLESD will seek to minimize the loss of instructional time where possible while maintaining a safe school environment.

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**BACKGROUND**

The NLESD policy for weather or facilities related school closure will:

1. Deal with weather related school delays or closures;
  2. Allow facility issues to be addressed in a timely manner, with minimal disruption to the school community; and
  3. Establish common protocols related to weather and facilities issues that require a school to close for a period of time.
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**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all schools in the NLESD. It defines procedures for headquarters staff, regional office staff and school administrators to employ in response to weather conditions or infrastructure issues affecting school facilities.

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**APPROVED:** November 22, 2014

**EFFECTIVE:** December 1, 2014

**AMENDED:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **POLICY DIRECTIVES**

1. The Operations Division of the NLESD is responsible for the drafting, implementation, and review of the administrative procedures and regulations pertaining to weather and facilities related school closure.
2. Notwithstanding the policy, procedures and regulations pertaining to weather related events, the NLESD recognizes that it cannot account for every conceivable circumstance related to an individual student's transit to and from school. If a school remains open, the student's parents or guardians are in the best position to judge whether or not their child can safely transit to school or to and from school bus stops.

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