

Section 5-2.6. Emergency closings; notification thereof; parental involvement. —

A. The superintendent or superintendent's designee may order the closing, the delay in opening or the early dismissal of any or all schools in order to protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff. When any or all schools are ordered to be closed for in-person instruction, the superintendent or superintendent's designee may declare an unscheduled remote learning day consistent with applicable laws and policies. In the event that an emergency arises making it impossible to open school, announcements will be made through the mass media as soon as possible. During adverse weather or emergency conditions, employees follow ~~guidelines from the superintendent~~ school division policy and regulations related to work schedules. The superintendent may establish any regulations necessary regarding employee work schedules during school closings. ~~The guidelines may be reviewed by the School Board.~~

B. Should hazardous weather or conditions within a school building develop during the day, which would require closing school before the regular dismissal time, announcements will be made to the mass media as soon as possible. Parents will be encouraged to assure that in such emergencies, arrangements have been made for their children and that their children are aware of the arrangements.

C. Unless employees are notified that their work schedule is changed because of adverse weather or emergency conditions, it is expected that all employees will work according to the terms of their contract and division policy. (Adopted August 10, 1995; Ordinance Number 19/20-24, Revised/Effective Date: November 14, 2019)

Legal Authority - Virginia Code §§ 22.1-70 & 22.1-78, and 22.1-98 (1950), as amended.