

CLOSING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the School Department is managed in as economical a manner as practicable, consistent with sound educational practices. The Board recognizes that financial conditions and/or changes in enrollment patterns and/or other circumstances may make it necessary to close one or more schools in order to preserve and make the most efficient use of the school unit's limited financial resources.

The following procedures shall be used in the closing of a school:

- A. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Superintendent that a school or schools should be closed, and after reviewing the supporting data, the Board shall instruct the Superintendent to notify by letter the parents of students attending the school in question informing them of the action being considered and the reasons for those actions, and of the arrangements being proposed for the education of their children. The Superintendent shall invite the parents to a Board meeting in which the Board shall further examine the Superintendent's recommendation.
- B. If the Board votes to close the school in question, it shall be vacated and released to the Augusta City Council.
- C. To ensure the smoothest possible transition, the school shall be closed and vacated at the end of the regular school year, unless emergency conditions dictate otherwise.
- D. If emergency conditions dictate that a school be closed during the regular school year, the Board shall allow the Superintendent a two weeks to execute the Board's order to close the school. The Superintendent shall use this two week period to work with parents, teachers and administrators in relocating students to other schools or to make such other arrangements as may be feasible (e.g., portable classrooms) and to prepare students for the change.

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