

RSU #63

- a. **NEPN/NSBA Code:** EBCD
- b. **Title:** Emergency School Closings/Situations
- c. **Author:**
- d. **Replaces Policy:**
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- g. **Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. **Responsible for Review:** Director of Transportation, Superintendent & Policy Committee
- i. **Date Reviewed:** 02/01/2016 Superintendent
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- j. **References:**
 - Legal Reference:** 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1002 (16)
 - Cross Referenced Policies:** EBCA-Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
 - EBCC-Bomb Threats
 - EEAEE-School Evacuation Procedure
- k. **Narrative:**

Generally, all schools shall be in session Monday through Friday excepting holidays, vacations, and teacher workshop days as provided in the school calendar. However, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her approved representative is authorized to close any or all schools when he/she deems it necessary to do so in order to safeguard the safety or health of the students.

- I. Notice of such closings shall be given to students and parents by means of television or School Messenger announcements or any other appropriate means. When possible, such notice shall be given sufficiently in advance of a school closing to avoid confusion and inconvenience.
- II. RSU #63 high school students should listen to radio and/or television cancellations by their high school because those cancellations will be separate from RSU #63 announcements.
- III. **NOTE:** If RSU #63 schools are closed due to weather and/or road conditions, RSU #63 will not transport high school students to any area high schools even though those schools may be in session.
- IV. It is emphasized, however, that when RSU #63 schools are in session, it remains the responsibility of parents to decide whether or not their children shall attend school under existing conditions.