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1. DEFINITION

- 1.1 The Wind Chill Index is based on the loss of heat from the face and is a combination of temperature of the air and speed of the wind. The Index was developed in 2001 and replaces the Wind Chill Factor.
- 1.2 Since the Wind Chill Index represents the feeling of cold on skin, it is not actually a real temperature and is therefore given without the degree sign. According to Environment Canada, a Wind Chill Index of -45 is equivalent to feeling as if it were -45 degrees Celsius.
- 1.3 A Wind Chill Warning is issued by Environment Canada when conditions become hazardous and frostbite can occur in minutes, which for most of Canada is about -45.

2. SCHOOL CLOSURE

- 2.1 The Director will consider the Wind Chill Index when making a determination about closing schools.
- 2.2 When a Wind Chill Index of -45 or greater is predicted the Director will give consideration to the closure of schools for students.
[NOTE: Board policy 'Inclement Weather Procedures' GSA.E.10 outlines staff requirements when a school or the entire system is closed or transportation cancelled or delayed.]