

CLOSURE OF FACILITIES

Prior to the closure of a school facility for foreseen circumstances, the Board shall have prepared a written analysis which considers the following issues:

- 1) Projected or actual enrollment;
- 2) The effect that the disposition or closure shall have on other facilities and on the District's educational program offering;
- 3) Student and staff displacement, including transportation costs to new facilities and staff reassignment;
- 4) Potential for renovation;
- 5) Financial considerations in terms of such factors as staff costs, operating and maintenance cost, the potential revenue from sale or lease of property, the cost of closure and transferring operations elsewhere;
- 6) Safety, health and fire regulations; and
- 7) Whether or not the facility may effectively be used for other purposes.

During a ninety (90) day period following the draft of a written analysis, the Board shall conduct one or more hearings to receive testimony on any issues related to the closure of a school. Each hearing notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The last notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Comments received from interested parties shall be used for advisory purposes only. The final determination of whether a facility shall be closed or remain open shall be made by the Board.

In addition to the process above, the Board has the authority to close a school building immediately when an unforeseen natural event or mechanical failure causes a facility to become unsafe, unhealthful, inaccessible or inoperable.



<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 28A.150.209(2)</i>	<i>State Superintendent to Make Rules and Regulations</i>
	<i>RCW 28A.320.010</i>	<i>Corporate Powers</i>
	<i>RCW28A.335.020</i>	<i>School Closures</i>



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