

Policy # 5.19

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

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### **POLICY**

It is the policy that The Calgary Jewish Academy will act in accordance with Alberta Education should it be deemed necessary to close schools due to severe weather. The CJA may decide to close the school to keep students and staff safe.

The CJA considers several factors when closing the school due to severe weather. These include current and forecasted temperature and wind chill, road conditions and ice and snow conditions.

Families should have a contingency plan in case the school is closed.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. The Head of School-Principal in consultation with the Executive Committee of the CJA Board of Directors will make a decision related to school closure.
2. Should the City of Calgary recommend that people stay home unless absolutely necessary due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions the Head of School-Principal in consultation with the Executive Committee of the CJA Board of Directors will make a decision related to school closure.
3. Communication to the school community to close the school due to severe weather will be made as early as possible. Most likely in the morning of the impacted school day.
4. In order to facilitate educational continuity when the school is closed due to severe weather, where possible, the CJA faculty and staff will utilize a virtual learning environment to support student learning during the course of the day.