

## POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

### Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

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#### School Cancellations

**The NJSBA believes** that the opening and closing of public schools is a matter best determined by local boards of education. State government, including but not limited to the State Board of Education, should not mandate the closing of public schools except for state holidays, or reasons of health and public safety. Options in lieu of closing should be provided to local boards of education that can be adapted to meet local conditions. *[Authority: DA-12/73-A1, DA 6/93-SR, DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR, DA 11/22-SR]*

**Cross References:** 3516 Safety  
5141 Health  
5142 Pupil safety

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