

SCHOOL OPENING AND CLOSURE ORDER

Authority: *School Act*, section 73 and 168 (2)(p)

Ministerial Order 320/02 (M320/02)..... Effective October 24, 2002
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Order of the Minister of Education

I, Christy Clark, Minister of Education, hereby make the attached School Opening and Closure Order.

Opening of Schools

1. If a board decides to open a new school or to reopen a previously closed school under section 73 of the *School Act*, the board must, without delay, provide the Ministry with written notification of the decision containing the following information:

- (a) the school's name,
- (b) the school's facility number,
- (c) the school's address, and
- (d) the date on which the school will open or reopen.

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Closure of Schools

2. (1) In this Ministerial Order, closing a school permanently means the closing, for a period exceeding 12 months, of a school building used for purposes of providing an educational program to students.

(2) Despite subsection (1), the closing of a school for the purposes of effecting repairs, renovations or additions to a school building shall not be deemed to be a permanent closure of the school if the board intends to reopen the building upon completion of the repairs, renovations or additions.

3. (1) The board must develop and implement a policy that includes a public consultation process with respect to permanent school closures and this policy must be made available to the public.

(2) When considering closing a school permanently, the board must apply the policy referred to in subsection (1).

4. The power of a board to permanently, close a school under section 73 of the *School Act* must be exercised only by bylaw.

5. If a board decides to permanently close a school under section 73 of the *School Act*, the board must, without delay, provide the Minister with written notification of the decision containing the following information:

- (a) the school's name,
- (b) the school's facility number,
- (c) the school's address, and
- (d) the date on which the school will close.