

TEMPORARY CLOSINGS

Temporary closing of buildings involves a period of time when a school building will not be in use for reasons of renovation, reconsideration, or other reasons. Temporary closing should not be confused with permanent retirement of a building as described in policy FCB.

The Greenfield School Committee recognizes the potential long-term financial and cultural impact of closing or retiring buildings for purposes of financial savings. The committee will be extremely cautious in the future when considering a decision to temporarily close facilities for financial savings.

Rationale:

The Greenfield school system closed several school buildings in the first decade of the 21st century. Each time the temporary closing was intended to be a cost-saving measure and yet the result was an exodus of families that proved detrimental to the school district. The school committee will be extremely cautious in the future when reaching for tools to reduce the budget. The long-term financial and cultural impacts far outweigh any short-term savings.

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