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## SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

### TORNADO PRECAUTIONS

When a tornado **WATCH** (conditions favorable to tornado formation in the area) is in effect, schools will continue in normal session, dismissing at the regular time and following usual procedures. At dismissal, children will be instructed to go directly home. It is extremely important that children know where to go and what to do if they arrive home and no one is there.

When a tornado **WARNING** (a tornado has been sighted in the area) is in effect, children at school will be sheltered in areas which have been designated by police and fire inspectors and the city engineer as the safest in the building. Safety drills for such emergency sheltering are conducted regularly. Children will be held at school beyond regular dismissal times as long as the **TORNADO WARNING** is in effect.

During either tornado watch or tornado warning conditions, children will be released to parents or guardians who come to school for them.

OR

Children will be released to other persons as designated on the emergency card or if other written authorization from the parent or guardian is given at the time of pick-up.

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