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SUBJECT: SCHOOL CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS	
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JURISDICTION: Poland Community School Bruce M. Whittier Middle School	

PHILOSOPHY:

The Poland School Committee recognizes its responsibility to be in compliance with State regulations pursuant to the minimum length of the school year. In order to provide consistent policy guidelines and accountability, the Poland School Committee establishes the following policy:

POLICY:

The policy of the Poland School Committee is that students in Poland attend school for the minimum number of days as established by the laws and regulations of the State of Maine. Further, it is the policy to make up days lost due to inclement weather or other circumstances. The number of school days shall be defined by State statute and regulations.

EXCEPTIONS:

The purpose of this policy is to provide accountability and compliance with respect to the State laws regarding the minimum days of attendance for students. Should days be lost due to unusual circumstances that would be unable to be made up without undue hardship, a waiver will be sought from the Commissioner of education in accordance with State regulations.

In all cases, total hours of student instruction weeks will not be less than State regulations without makeup or a waiver.

AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

- A. Days lost due to inclement weather will be made up by applying one or more of the following remedies:
 1. The school year may be extended.
 2. Students may attend school during all or part of a vacation period. (Such days shall not include legal holidays).
 3. Students may attend school on Saturday.
The application and decision as to which of the above make-up options to be applied will be decided by the Poland School Committee.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

The Poland School Committee delegates to the Superintendent of Schools the authority to administer this policy.

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REPORTS:

A record of all snow days will be kept by the central office. No reports are required to be published.

EXPIRATION:

This policy expires in three (3) years.

SIGNATURE BLOCK:

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