



## **St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School**

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### **St. Benedict Hot Weather Plan**

A Hot Weather Plan is in place for conditions where:

- The humidex reaches or exceeds 35°Celsius.
- Environment Canada issues a humidex advisory (air temperature exceeding 30°Celsius and Humidex exceeding 40°Celsius)
- There is an Ontario Ministry of the Environment smog alert; or,
- There is an Environment Canada/Weather Network or Peel Health Heat Alert.

Weather conditions are monitored by the office using The Weather Network and alerts sent by the Board and/or posted on the Board's website (Yellow Alert Banner).

In the event that the above conditions exist, we will encourage the following practices to allow staff and students to feel as comfortable as possible at school:

- Announcements will be made to remind students and staff to drink water/replace fluids as well as to share the signs of heat stress
- Remind students and staff to wear hats outside
- Lunch recess will be modified (20 minutes inside, 20 minutes outside)
- Other recesses may be modified if necessary
- Non-essential lights will be turned off in the hallways and classrooms as appropriate while maintaining a safe environment
- Use fans in classrooms without air conditioning
- Use large fans in the hallway to circulate cooler air from air conditioned parts of the school to non-air conditioned parts
- If appropriate and possible, have students from non-air conditioned classrooms rotate through the air conditioned classrooms during the hottest parts of the day
- Keep physical activity down during the hot periods of the day and ensure staff is monitoring students for signs of heat stress
- Cooling rooms will be open at lunch for students to use when temperatures are very high

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main office for more information.