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RECESS/WINDCHILL GUIDELINES

When deciding about sending students outside at recess, the “go or not go” number of -27°C is a guideline only. The Principal of the school has the latitude to make a decision, when the temperature is in the range of -27°C (at the Forks), and will do so taking into consideration local school micro-climate conditions, i.e. is the playground protected from wind by natural or human made barriers? Also, other considerations will be such things as the condition of the children and/or the attire of any one child on any given day.

As implied in the attached Guidelines for Schools from Environment Canada, children might be kept indoors when in the opinion of the teacher (principal) the clothing is inadequate for the weather conditions, despite these children having to get to and from school in this attire.

Overall, if judiciously applied and interpreted on the side of caution and good sense, the guidelines should protect our school children from the adverse effects of extremely cold weather.

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