



SECTION 3000: FINANCES

POLICY 3050: CLOSURE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Board must engage in broad consultation and in enhanced planning regarding under-utilized school buildings owned by the Board.

LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

- *School Act* Section 73, 168(2)(p)(t), 96(3)
- Ministry of Education School Building Closure and Disposal Policy

POLICY

It is the Board's responsibility to provide acceptable facilities for all students. The Board recognizes that program effectiveness must be balanced with operational efficiency and, for this reason, consideration may need to be given to closure of schools.

PROCEDURES

1. Consideration for permanent closure of a school will be initiated when:
 - a) alternative space is available within the school district to house students affected by closure, and
 - b) it is economically advantageous to relocate the students, that is:
 - i) the cost of providing students with safe access is not increased by closure;
 - ii) closure and/or alternate potential use of a facility would create significant cost savings to the school district.
2. Should the Board adopt a recommendation for "Consideration of Closure" of a particular school, the Board shall immediately so advise the school staff, parents of students in attendance, and the general public, that closure is being considered.



PROCEDURES *(continued)*

3. In closing a school, the Board shall:
 - a) between a recommendation for “Consideration of Closure” and the Board’s decision, provide opportunity for public consultation, community, parent, and staff input and reaction;
 - b) implement a closure at the end of a school year;
 - c) communicate the decision to parents, employees, and the general public;
 - d) make the final decision to permanently close school by bylaw.