



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed:

- (i) to provide quality education for all students under its jurisdiction; and
- (ii) to optimize the use of facilities and resources

Various factors beyond the control of the Board may impact on these commitments including, but not limited to; changes to demographics and enrolment, changes to legislation, policy and funding, changes to educational objectives and the physical limitations of facilities.

In order to maintain our commitment, the Board may consider the consolidation and/or closure of schools, and the alternative use/or disposal of surplus space.

This Policy implements the Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines released by the Ministry of Education on October 31, 2006. A copy of the Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, and the Ministry document entitled "Administrative Review of the Accommodation Review Process" along with this Policy, will be posted on the Board website and will be made available at the head office of the Board.

Guiding Principles

- The goal of providing a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities in a school or group of schools requires monitoring and active curriculum and programming decisions.
- Decisions that might require consolidation, closure or major program relocation will take into account the needs of all of the students in all of the schools in a particular group. There may, however, be circumstances in which a single school should be studied for closure or relocation.
- Any decisions under this Policy will take into account the Board's Long-Term Capital Plan.

Exclusions

The following are not actions to which this Policy applies:

- Where a replacement school is to be rebuilt by the Board on the existing site or located within the existing school attendance boundary as identified through the Board's existing policies, i.e., replacement of a rural school within its existing rural community;

- When a lease is terminated;
- When the Board is considering the relocation of a grade or grades, or a program, where the enrolment in the grade or grades, or program, constitutes less than 50% of the enrolment of the school;
- When the Board is repairing or renovating a school, and the school community must be temporarily relocated to ensure the safety of students during the renovations;
- Where a facility has been serving as a holding school for a school community whose permanent school is under construction or repair.

References

The Education Act

Ministry of Education's Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines (Oct. 31, 2006)

Administrative Procedures

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