



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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POLICY 7220

SCHOOL SITES

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POLICY

The Board shall purchase, utilize or hold in reserve land and improvements to deliver education programs to district students and for the inclusion of short-term arrangements for alternative community use. Land and improvements no longer required for these purposes shall be deemed as surplus and disposed of in a manner that complies with the *School Act* and the orders of the Minister of Education.

DEFINITIONS:

“**Alternative community use**” is use by a community agency or organization of land or improvements, other than for the educational purposes of the Board of Education, e.g. health care, therapy services, social services, etc.

Responsibility Centre: Secretary Treasurer

References: *School Act*, Sections 65, 96, 99 and 100

Ministerial Order M194/08 – School Opening and Closing Order

Ministerial Order 193/08 – Disposal of Land or Improvements Order

SCHOOL SITES**PREAMBLE**

Section 96 (2) of the *School Act* permits the Board to acquire and hold land or improvements for educational needs.

As communities change over time and as student populations fluctuate, the need for land and improvements to deliver education programs to students changes. School sites may need to be acquired, maintained, held in reserve or disposed of in order to meet changing demands. These activities must be carried out in compliance with the *School Act* and Ministerial Orders and through consultation with the community where applicable.

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SCHOOL SITES**REGULATIONS:**

1. Pursuant to Section 96 (3) of the *School Act*, where a school site is no longer required, the site and buildings shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by Policy 3260 Disposal of Assets.
 - 1.1 Any community purpose that can be considered must independently sustain itself financially, considering both the cost of operations and capital maintenance.
 - 1.2 In accordance with Section 65 (5) of the *School Act*, the disposal of school sites shall be carried out by bylaw.
 - 1.3 The proceeds from the disposal of school sites shall be distributed as prescribed by Section 100 (2) of the *School Act*.
2. This policy does not apply where school sites are acquired by grants of Crown Land as per Section 99 of the *School Act*.
3. Where the Board has closed a school and determined that there may be a future need for the school site, the Board encourages the use of the site through a short-term lease agreement.
 - 3.1 The Board shall ensure that the intended use is compatible with the zoning of the site before entering into any agreement.
 - 3.2 The Board shall receive market value for the use of the school site and shall not incur any ongoing costs other than appropriate expenses to maintain the asset.
 - 3.3 There shall be a formalized lease agreement that will ensure the assets leased are fully protected from loss or damage.
 - 3.4 At least one public meeting will be held regarding the potential lease of a school site.

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