

## **POLICY #6513**

### **LONG TERM USE AND LEASE OF ACTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES**

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This policy addresses the long term use and lease of active School District No. 36 (Surrey) buildings and sites for other than school district purposes. (Short-term use and rental procedures for active properties are detailed in [Policy #10400](#); use and lease of unused properties in [Policy #6512](#).)

The use and lease of school district buildings for other than school district purposes will only be considered where the space involved will not be required for school district use for at least five (5) years, and where such use will in no way negatively affect the operation of regular programs. Moreover, the use of School District No. 36 (Surrey) sites for other than school district purposes will only be considered where the amount of area required for other than school district use exceeds the minimum space that may be required for school district purposes. In the case of sites, minimum requirements are normally deemed 6.5 acres for elementary schools and 13 acres for secondary. Any use for other than school district purposes must be appropriate for publicly-owned properties, should be complementary to the interests of the school district, must be at no cost to the district, and should provide a return to the district.

Where the Surrey Board of Education determines that available building or site space in an active property should be offered for other than school district users, the board will determine appropriate use and the space availability will be advertised to parties who might be expected to be interested. Similarly, when a prospective user approaches the school district for such use of building or site space the board will determine whether the proposed use is acceptable and, if so, the space will be advertised to parties who might be expected to have an interest. Priority preference will be determined in accordance with [Policy #6802](#).

Proposals received in response to advertisements will be presented to the board and the board will determine whether to accept any proposal and, if so, the board's acceptance will be governed by optimum return to the school district, which return will include consideration of such factors as monetary return, the extent to which a proposal would complement the interests of the district, community needs, and the like.

Where the proposed use of building or site space, whether at the initiation of the board or as proposed by another party, would be primarily of benefit to the school district's interests the board may waive the requirement that the available space be advertised.

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