

POLICY #6801 CLOSING SCHOOLS

Under the *School Act*, the board is responsible for the safe, effective and efficient operation of schools in the school district.

The board also recognizes and understands that permanent school closure decisions affect and impact many stakeholders in the community, and that these stakeholders must be afforded an adequate opportunity to provide input to the proposal prior to a final decision.

Prior to making a final decision on permanent school closure, the board will consider the future enrolment growth of persons less than school age and adults as well as school age enrolment in the community.

The board further acknowledges that, prior to making a final decision on a permanent school closure, it will consider possible alternative community uses for all or part of the school and will provide notice to possible school users within the community to allow them an adequate opportunity to provide input prior to a final decision.

The board will follow the requirements of Ministerial Order 194/08, under the authority of the *School Act*, Sections 73 and 168 (2)(p), that directs school districts to follow a prescribed process.

[Regulation #6801.1 – Closing Schools](#) sets out procedures and statements to implement this policy.

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