



802BP School Review/Closure

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Education Act Section 62
- Alberta Education K-12
- Guide to Education

CROSS REFERENCE:

- [802.1 AP School Review/Closure Admin Procedures](#)
- [602.10AP Disposal of Division Property Admin Procedures](#)

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Board is responsible for the operation of schools and subsequent programs throughout the Division, wherever such programs are viable. Where a school or partial school operation reaches or is approaching non-viable status, the Board may close a school or change the configuration of a school.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. The Board may decide to:
 - a. close a school permanently or for a specified period of time.
 - b. close entirely one division in a school.
 - c. transfer part or all of the students from one school to one or more other schools.
2. The Board may review school programs and operations to determine the future of such schools when:
 - a. the Board believes such a review will improve the availability of programs for students or efficiency of operations.

- b. the school and community determine that enrolments and consequent funding threaten the viability of the school program.
 - c. operating/maintenance/renovation/transportation costs place excessive demands on the BTPS budget.
 - d. recommended by the Superintendent.
3. The Board shall consider the following factors when deliberating a school closure
- a. educational programs offered by the school.
 - b. operational cost of the school.
 - c. student enrollment trends and patterns.
 - d. transportation routes and costs.
 - e. long range strategic plan.
 - f. physical condition and renovations/capital expenditures required.
 - g. impact on other schools.
 - h. impact on the community and the region.
 - i. costs associated with the transition.
 - j. other special relevant factors.