

EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: **Permanent School Closure**

DATE OF ADOPTION: November 8, 1995

EFFECTIVE DATE: **November 8, 1995**

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SUPERSEDES:

CROSS REFERENCE: *School Act - Section 57*
School Act Regulations - Permanent Closure of Schools, No. EC 483/98

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This policy is established pursuant to School Act Permanent Closure of Schools Regulations, No. EC483/98.

It shall be the policy of the Eastern School District Board to monitor the growth and decline of school populations in all areas of the School District. The intent of the policy is to provide quality education to each student who attends school within the Eastern District. Where the population of a school has declined to a point where delivery of adequate programs is difficult and the financial operation of the school becomes unviable, the Board will consider closure of the school.

The administrative procedures regarding permanent school closure are as follows:

1. For the purpose of this policy, permanent closure of a school means a decision to cease the operation of a school and to accommodate all the students in another school or schools.
2. The Superintendent shall present, prior to December 31 in each school year, a report concerning the permanent closure of schools and, if any school is identified for consideration of permanent closure, the report shall contain, for each school identified, the following information:
 - (a) the strengths and deficiencies which exist in the educational program at the school;
 - (b) the condition of the school building;
 - (c) the availability of space in other school buildings;
 - (d) the impact of the closure of the school on the educational program at the school, on schools which are designated to accommodate students from the school, and the impact of school closure on parents, students and the general community;

- (e) the student enrolment at the school for the previous five years;
 - (f) the projected enrolment at the school for the next five years;
 - (g) projected changes in the population for the area served by the school for the next five years;
 - (h) any available statistics concerning approved residential sub-divisions available for new residential construction;
 - (i) any available information concerning plans for commercial or industrial development in the geographical area served by the school;
 - (j) a zoning and transportation plan for affected students;
 - (k) a financial analysis which includes a projection of both costs and savings which would result from the closure of the school.
3. In the case where a School Board has taken a final decision respecting the permanent closure of a school, the Board shall establish a transition committee to plan for the orderly relocation of affected students.

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