

**Policy 370 School Fees and Financial Hardship**

The Board believes that providing a wide range of educational opportunities and experiences enhance students' learning and will provide, free of charge, educational resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation.

The Board of Education may charge fees for goods and services in accordance with Ministerial Orders and the School Act. The Board of Education may also require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials in accordance with Section 82 of the School Act.

The Board authorizes fees for optional programs, extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, or other goods and services provided by the district to enrich curricula and school life for students. The Board of Education will ensure that a schedule of fees and deposits required is communicated and published prior to the beginning of the school year and is available to students and parents/guardians/caregivers. All communication with students and parents regarding fees and/or deposits must include a statement explaining that fees will not prevent a student from participating in school activities. No student will be denied educational or extra-curricular opportunities due to financial hardship.

To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the principal shall establish procedures for their school to address financial hardship which will allow participation in activities by students who would otherwise be excluded.