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SIGNIFICANT REORGANIZATION OR PERMANENT SCHOOL CLOSURES

In response to the policy: **6040** -SCHOOL BUILDINGS
and the School Act (Section 73(1) and Ministerial Order 194/08

Where significant reorganization or permanent school closures are being considered, the following regulations will apply:

- 1. The Board shall allow a period of not less than 60 days for public consultation to take place between the time that a potential significant reorganization or permanent closure of a school is announced and the final decision is made.
- 2. The Board will make a reasonable effort to notify persons or groups in the community who could be affected by the Board's proposal of a significant school reorganization or school closure.
- 3. The Board must provide for public consultation that includes:
 - 3.1 A fair consideration of the input from the affected community and provision of opportunities for that community to respond to the Board's proposal to significantly reorganize or close a school permanently in a community.
 - 3.2 Consideration of future enrolment growth in the school district, of persons of school age, persons of less than school age, and adults.
 - 3.3 Consideration of possible alternative community use for all or part of the school. "Alternative community use" is use by a community agency or organization of land or improvements, other than for the educational purposes of the Board of Education, e.g. health care, therapy services, social services, etc.

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- 4. A public forum will be held to consider the Board's proposed significant school reorganization or school closure and shall form part of the public consultation process.
- 5. Fair consideration will be given to all public input prior to the Board making its final decision. The Board's proposal to significantly reorganize or to close a school could be changed or reversed based upon public input.
- 6. The significant reorganization or closure of a school should not normally take place until the September following the Board's final decision. This will give parents, students and school staff time to make alternative arrangements.
- 7. The Board's final decision to permanently close a school must be done by a by-law.