

FACILITIES PLANNING

Background

Sound planning for the upgrading and/or modernization of schools, or for additions to existing schools and/or the construction of new schools is essential. In order to enhance the planning process, stakeholders are invited to participate. Well-designed facilities contribute to optimum learning environments for students.

Procedures

School capacity and student enrolment shall be considered by the Director of Facilities in facility planning.

1. The Director of Facilities will maintain a facilities condition listing. This listing will include:
 - 1.1 Enrollment and capacity statistics for each school.
 - 1.2 Analysis of the structural, mechanical and electrical components of each school.
2. In collaboration with principals, the Director of Facilities is responsible for the efficient use of facility space.
3. The Director of Facilities will recommend new school buildings and building additions for the District. Recommendations will be supported with the following data:
 - 3.1 The general area to be served and its estimated student population present and projected for three years.
 - 3.2 The type and number of facilities to be requested.
 - 3.3 Plans for school buildings.
 - 3.4 All school buildings will be constructed by contract or by a scheme of construction approved by the Minister of Education.
4. The Board has indicated in policy that it will collaborate with municipal authorities to ensure that adequate and appropriate land is made available for school purposes.
5. The Superintendent will identify priorities for facility requirements and will bring forward a draft Capital Plan to the Board for its consideration.

6. The District intends:
 - 6.1 To provide facilities that reflect the requirements of school programs subject to the constraints of:
 - 6.1.1 The District's longer-term financial position; and
 - 6.1.2 Student population and location.
 - 6.2 To maintain or upgrade existing facilities to established program and/or safety standards.
 - 6.3 To ensure that custodial standards are developed and applied.
 - 6.4 To ensure that its facilities are available to the public on a reasonable basis.
7. Following a Government announcement, a Planning Committee may be established by the Superintendent.

Reference: Sections 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act

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