

## **SCHOOL REVIEW**

The Board of Education, in its efforts to provide meaningful learning experiences that reflect what is best for students and to assist students in developing their full potential, recognizes that it needs to maintain viable schools and classrooms.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Education, pursuant to *The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017* to make decisions regarding grade discontinuance or school closure.

To that end, the Board believes:

- It is of the utmost importance to maintain the ability to provide for quality educational opportunities for all students in Good Spirit School Division.
- School reviews shall follow a clearly delineated, transparent and fair process.
- Appropriate and meaningful consultation with the community at various stages of the process is vital.

*The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017* requires the Board of Education to adopt criteria for the review of schools where there may be potential closure or discontinuance of grades. The criteria set by the Board are based on essential characteristics of an educational program that would meet educational standards expected by the Board within budgetary considerations.

### **Criteria for Review**

The criteria to be considered by the Board in carrying out the review of a school pursuant to sections 54-70 of *The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017*.

### **Establishing a Process of Review**

1. The Director or designate shall prepare School Review Procedures in accordance with the requirements of *The School Division Administration Regulations, 2017* and with this policy.
2. The Director or designate shall ensure that this policy and the School Review Procedures are publicized in accordance with statutory and Board requirements.
3. Reviews may result in any one of the following:
  - 3.1 Continuation.
  - 3.2 Grade discontinuance.
  - 3.3 Space decommissioning.

3.4 School closure.

4. All school enrolments will be examined annually using the September 30th Principal's September Statistical Report.
5. Reviews will be conducted by the Board of Education sitting as a committee of the whole and its Senior Administrative staff.

Legal Reference: Sections 54 – 70 The School Division Administration Regulations

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