

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December 13, 2005

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Transfer of Strathearn School

ORIGINATOR: C. McCabe, Executive Director

RESOURCE

STAFF: Jenise Bidulock, Jim Davies, Michael Ediger

RECOMMENDATION

That the sale and transfer of Strathearn School to the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord be approved in principle subject to the approval of the Minister of Education and to the negotiation of specific terms of the sale and transfer.

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An agreement in principle has been reached in response to a September 20, 2005 request by the Conseil Scolaire Centre Nord to transfer Strathearn School.

The recommendation is made following proactive steps taken to ensure that the interests of the local community have been protected. In discussions with the community during the recent school closure process, it was identified that an educational body or a community service oriented agency would be sought as appropriate future owners or users of the building. The district has met with the community league and other community leaders to confirm that the Conseil Scolaire's proposed relocation of Ecole Gabrielle Roy is appropriate and consistent with the expressed needs of the community.

In all discussions with the Conseil Scolaire and the City of Edmonton leading up to the agreement-in-principle to transfer the school and site, the district has required that the community's access to the building, playground and lands would be maintained. The Conseil Scolaire and the City have agreed to enter into a form of joint use agreement which will formalize the community's access to the newly relocated school into the future.

The Conseil Scolaire is proposing a major modernization of the facility, which will enhance the value of the property and enhance the building amenities and gymnasium that will be available to the community after school hours.

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