

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: T. Parker, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE
STAFF: Gloria Chalmers, Dennis Huculak, Bob Mortor

INFORMATION

RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE REQUEST #325 (TRUSTEE KEIVER): PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCESSES, PRACTICES AND POLICES THAT ARE IN PLACE WITH RESPECT TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE SEVERE (LIFE-THREATENING) ALLERGIES AND HOW THEY COMPARE WITH COMPARABLE SCHOOL BOARDS IN ALBERTA AND CANADA. District processes and practices relating to students who have severe allergies are implemented on a case by case basis in accordance with administrative regulations IHCD.AR "Administration of Medication" and IHCE.AR "Student Health Emergency Procedures". A comparison of practices and procedures in the district and in comparable school jurisdictions in Alberta and Canada reveals that some aspects of the district's regulations could be enhanced. As a result, staff from Programs, Student Transportation and Leadership Services have already commenced the process to revise the existing regulations.

(D. Huculak, 429-8394)

RESPONSE TO TRUSTEE REQUEST #326 SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 (TRUSTEE KEIVER) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOLS MOST RECENTLY HAVING UNDERGONE CLOSURE AND THE RESULTING RE-DESIGNATION OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING WHAT PLANS ARE IN PLACE FOR DEBRIEFING STAFF, PARENTS AND POSSIBLY STUDENTS TO LEARN WHAT PROCESSES MAY NEED IMPROVEMENT AND HOW WE PLAN TO USE THAT INFORMATION? As a result of the closure of High Park School, students in the former High Park School attendance area were designated to Mayfield School. A total of 38 of the 71 students registered at Mayfield School. Twenty-eight other students registered at a total of thirteen other district schools, five former students are not registered at any district school.

Montrose School received 42 of the 91 students from Newton School, with seven students moving to the newly created Opportunity District Centre program at Overlanders School. An additional twenty-six students registered at seventeen district schools and fifteen former students are not registered at any district school.

Planning is preparing a survey for distribution to parents and staff at the schools that underwent closure. This survey will be used to identify successes and challenges resulting from the process followed to close Newton and High Park schools. In addition, principals of both the closed and receiving schools will be interviewed. The information gathered through these surveys and interviews will be used to guide and refine the sustainability review and school closure procedures in the future. (B. Morter, 429-8004)

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