

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 13, 2006

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: C. McCabe, Executive Director

RESOURCE

STAFF: Dennis Huculak, Dorothy Sombach

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #156, JANUARY 17, 2006 (TRUSTEE GIBEAULT): PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE DISTRICT'S EXPULSION RATE COMPARES TO OTHER BOARDS: As a result of this request, 3 other large urban boards were contacted. Edmonton Catholic Schools and Calgary Catholic Schools did not have the requested information available. The Calgary Board of Education, with a student population of approximately 96,000, conducted 450 expulsion hearings during the 2004-2005 school year. Edmonton Public Schools with a student population of approximately 80,000, conducted 306 hearings during the 2004-05 school year. (D. Huculak)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #204, MAY 23, 2006 (TRUSTEE KEIVER) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT SUPPORTS ARE IN PLACE OR COULD BE PUT IN PLACE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE BUS PASS FEES SPECIFICALLY FROM PARENTS WHO BELIEVE THEY DO NOT HAVE TO PAY THESE FEES. Schools are required to collect all bus pass fees from parents before a bus pass is issued. If a parent believes they do not have to pay, the school makes a series of attempts to collect the fee. This includes personal contact to the parent and collection letters from the school. If parents refuse to pay, then the school engages the service of our Finance Department who sends a series of three letters to parents. Student Transportation will be reviewing the transportation administrative regulation and putting into place a system to help schools to make judgments around whether parents can't pay or won't pay and provide them with some recourse if parents do not choose to pay. (D. Sombach, 429-8326)

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