

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 14, 2011

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee L. Cleary, Chair, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee M. Janz, Planning and Policy Committee
Trustee C. Ripley, Planning and Policy Committee

SUBJECT: Review of Board Policy HICA.BP - Field Trips

ORIGINATOR: T. Parker, Assistant Superintendent

RESOURCE
STAFF: Bob Morter, Carol Symons

RECOMMENDATION

1. That revised Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips be considered for the first time.
2. That revised Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips be considered for the second time.

* * * * *

Background

Board policy HICA.BP - Field Trips came into effect in 2003 and is scheduled for review.

Rationale

The intention of the review is to affirm the existing policy with minor editorial changes. The existing policy clearly articulates the position of the Board on the value of field trips, both locally, provincially and internationally. Further, the Board’s position on the need to maintain student safety is clearly voiced.

The draft policy was posted on the district website for feedback from the public from April 4 to May 9, 2011. Thirty-nine responses were received. The majority of the responses were very positive; with only eight individuals providing comments. These comments ranged in content from concerns on safe learning environments, staff and student ratios and suggestions related to wording of the policy.

BM:er

APPENDIX I Proposed Board Policy HICA.BP – Field Trips

Edmonton Public Schools Board Policies and Regulations

CODE: HICA.BP
TOPIC: Field Trips

EFFECTIVE DATE:
ISSUE DATE:
REVIEW DATE:

The Board recognizes field trips as valuable educational activities that may be used to enhance student learning and development. It also acknowledges the value of out of province and international trips as a means to extend the learning that takes place in the classroom. The Board's commitment to providing a safe learning environment for students extends to include school activities which occur outside the boundaries of the students' schools.

Reference(s):

[HICA.AR](#) - Field Trips

[AD.BP](#) - District Priorities

[School Act Section 60.2.h – Powers of boards](#)
