

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Response to Trustee Request for Information

ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services

RESOURCE
STAFF: Jenise Bidulock

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #361, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (TRUSTEE BONKO) PROVIDE INFORMATION CLARIFYING THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO DIRECT A STUDENT OR STUDENTS TO AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION WITH RESPECT TO ALLENDALE SCHOOL. The board can authorize the administration, under the direction of the superintendent, to close or permanently relocate fewer than three consecutive grades in a school or temporarily relocate any number of grades from one school to another.

If a board relocates entirely three or more consecutive grades from a school, this constitutes school closure under the School Act, and therefore school closure processes need to be implemented prior to the board's decision in such a case.

The board does have the authority to redirect an individual student for reasons of programming, to a school or program other than the neighborhood school. Such a decision is subject to appeal to the Minister of Learning.

The administration can close an alternative program at a particular school site based on low enrolment; however, under board policy the board must close the last site of an alternative program in the district. (J. Bidulock 429-8426)

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