



# **Board Policy #475.0**

## **Education Development Charges: School Sites – Operating Budget Surplus**

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### **1. Background**

- (1) Section 9 (1) paragraph 8 of O. Reg. 20/98 (Education Development Charges – General) provides that an education development background charge study must contain:
  8. *A statement from the board stating that it has reviewed its operating budget for savings that could be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs, and the amount of any savings which it proposes to apply, if any.*
- (2) It is therefore necessary that the review referred to in Section 9(1) paragraph 8 be conducted annually as part of the process of setting the estimates.
- (3) Under the General Legislative Grant Regulation, only a surplus from the non-classroom part of the estimates is eligible to be used to acquire school sites, thereby reducing the “growth-related net education land cost” and the education development charge that may be levied by the Board.

### **2. Direction**

Where there has been or it appears that there will be a surplus in the non-classroom part of the estimates of the school board in a fiscal year, the Board shall determine on an annual basis whether all, part, or none of the surplus will be designated as available for the purpose of acquiring school sites by purchase, lease or otherwise.

### **3. Regulations**

- (1) A Board shall annually pass a motion substantially in the form attached as the appendix to this policy.

### **POLICY HISTORY**

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Revised 2004  
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## APPENDIX

### BOARD MOTION PURSUANT TO THE POLICY ENTITLED “SCHOOL SITES – OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUS” CONCERNING THE USE OF OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUSES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES

Whereas it appears that there has been or that there will be a surplus in the non-classroom part of the budget.

Moved that:

- (1) The Board will designate \$Y as available for the purpose of acquiring school sites by purchase, lease or otherwise;
- (2) The Board's reasons for so deciding are as follows:

(Reasons for the decision should be included which indicate where the Board will be directing the funds and its basic reasons for doing so. The purpose for this part of the motion is to ensure that a clear record of the Board's decision and its reasons are available as part of the public record for inclusion in the education development charge background study.)

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