



Education Development Charges: Alternative Accommodations for School Facilities

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PURPOSE:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) will consider possible arrangements with municipalities, School Boards, or other persons or bodies in the public or private sector, including arrangements of a long-term or co-operative nature, which would provide accommodation for the new elementary school pupils and new secondary school pupils who are resident pupils of the Board, subject to the Guiding Principles.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- The alternative accommodations must be cost effective and advantageous for HWDSB compared to other possible arrangements including an acquisition of a school site and the construction of a free-standing building.
- The alternative accommodations shall comply with any guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education.
- HWDSB may enter into lease arrangements respecting school facilities intended to be used to accommodate peak enrolment but shall not enter into such arrangements respecting school facilities that are necessary to accommodate long-term enrolment unless the arrangements could result in ownership at the Board's discretion.
- HWDSB shall retain sufficient governance authority over the facility to ensure that it is able to deliver the appropriate educational program to its pupils and to ensure that the identity, ambience and integrity of the facility are preserved.

INTENDED OUTCOMES:

That the Alternative Accommodations for School Facilities policy is applied to all new elementary and secondary schools being contemplated by the Board.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Director of Education
Members of Executive Council

TERMINOLOGY:

Cost Effective: Reduce the overall capital and/or site acquisition costs associated with accommodating students' resident to HWDSB.



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Governance Authority: Responsibility and decision-making voice in the design and operation of the facility to protect the Board's ability to deliver appropriate education programs consistent with the Board's educational mandate.

Partnership: The purchase of adjoining sites by the Board and a second party, with consideration of the possible joint use of grounds and/or facilities.

Alternative Accommodations: Include a variety of strategies such as forward buying, option agreements, purchases, lease buy-back, site exchanges, and joint venture partnerships resulting in cost effective delivery of pupil accommodation.

ACTION REQUIRED:

HWDSB will review submissions from local municipalities, school boards or other persons or bodies in the public or private sectors who invite the Board to enter into partnerships agreements to provide alternative arrangements for school facilities.

The review will examine the merits of the proposed partnership as it relates to the Guiding Principles.

Staff will obtain Board approval for any alternative accommodation for school facilities.

PROGRESS INDICATORS:

Intended Outcome	Assessment
That the Alternative Accommodations for School Facilities policy is applied to all new elementary and secondary schools being contemplated by the Board	This will be assessed through the staff report seeking Board approval.

REFERENCES:

Government Documents

Education Act