



Education Development Charges: School Sites and Operating Budget

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PURPOSE:

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) intends to conduct an annual review of operating budget savings that could be applied to reduce the growth related net education land costs, as per Section 9 (1) paragraph 8 of O. Reg. 20/98 of the *Education Act*.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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.

INTENDED OUTCOMES:

The review referred to in section 9(1) paragraph 8 be conducted annually as part of the process of setting the estimates.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Director of Education
Members of Executive Council

TERMINOLOGY:

Section 9 (1) paragraph 8 of O. Reg. 20/98: provides that an education development charge background study must contain:

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.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Having undertaken the steps necessary for the purposes of determining the education development charges, the board shall pass a motion substantially in the following form:

“Whereas it appears that there has been or that there will be a surplus in the non-classroom part of the budget in the amount of \$X;



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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:"

PROGRESS INDICATORS:

Intended Outcome	Assessment
The review referred to in section 9(1) paragraph 8 be conducted annually as part of the process of setting the estimates.	Yearly review being completed

REFERENCES:

Government Documents

Education Act

Ontario Regulation 20/98 (as amended)

HWDSB Policies

Alternative Arrangements for School Facilities