

## **System Direction 4 – 6**

### **Community Education and Community Schools Policy**

The Board of Education endorses and supports the concept of community education and supports the development of community schools in appropriate areas of the school district.

Community education is an educational process which serves all age groups in the community. Furthermore, community education utilizes the total resources of the community to provide programs and services for all members of the citizenry. Community schools extend availability of programs and services beyond the traditional school boundaries, where appropriate.

Goals of community schools should include the following:

- use of schools as lifelong learning centres,
- promote equitable and accessible educational opportunities for children, youth and adults,
- use school, district and community resources to enrich services to children, youth and adults,
- improve community relations and community development,
- strengthen inter-agency cooperation and coordination of supports, and
- recognize and respond to identified community needs.

When considering proposals for new community schools, the board of education will give consideration to factors including existing community amenities, alignment to board priorities, consideration of board finances and resources, along with input from the community.