

## Policy 25

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### BOARD INNOVATION FUND

#### Background

The Board believes that it is important to support original or innovative ideas, projects, or sessions to enhance student learning and success across the school division.

#### Definition of Innovation

For the purposes of the use of this fund “Innovation” shall mean

- The introduction of an original or a new idea for a division-wide or school-based project, session, or workshop.
- The introduction of a new method to support an existing division-wide or school-based project, session, or workshop.

The Board shall:

- Annually determine an amount to be allocated to the innovation fund.
- Receive, review and approve requests from within the school division that conform to the “definition of innovation” described in this policy.
- The board may approve or deny a request without question.

When reviewing any requests for innovation funds the board shall consider fairness across each ward in the division.

#### Runoff Provision

Occasionally, subsequent funding may be requested by the originator for further support of an innovative student learning and success project, session, or workshop. If subsequent requests are made, the board shall give consideration (but is not bound by) to a runoff provision for funding as follows:

- A second request may be made in year two of a project. Funding would be limited to 75% of the request made in year one.
- A third request may be made in year three of a project. Funding would be limited to 50% of the request made in year two.
- A fourth request may be made in year four of a project. Funding would be limited to 25% of the request made in year three.

The person or persons requesting subsequent funds must provide evidence that they have made successful efforts at raising or dedicating some funds towards their project, session, or workshop. The board may approve or deny a request for subsequent funds without question.