

Form 16-1

SCHOOL / PROGRAM CLOSURE CHECKLIST

| Requirements of the Regulation | Relevant Details |
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| 1. Type of Closure | |
| close a school permanently or for a specified period of time | |
| close entirely three or more consecutive grades in an elementary school | |
| close the entire junior high school program or the entire high school program in a school, or | |
| transfer all students from one school to one or more other schools | |
| 2. The Board has developed, kept current, and implemented policies and procedures with respect to closure of schools that are consistent with the Education Act and Board policy. | Board Policy on Closure of Schools is current: |
| 3. Notification of Proposed Closure | |
| raise the matter through a notice of motion at a regular meeting of the Board | Date of Board motion: |
| in writing, notify the parents of every child and student enrolled in the school who, in the opinion of the Board, will be significantly affected by the closure of the school | Date of notification to parents: |
| The Notice sets out the following: | |
| how the closure would affect the attendance area defined for that school | |
| how the closure would affect the attendance of other schools | |
| the number of students who would need to be relocated as a result of the closure | |
| the need for, and extent of, busing | |
| program implications for other schools and for the students when they are attending other schools | |
| the educational and financial impact of closing the school, including the effect on operational costs and capital implications | |
| the educational and financial impact if the school were to remain open | |
| the capital needs of the school that may have increased enrolment as a result of the closure | |
| if the entire school is to be closed, the proposed use of the school building | |
| the time and location of the public meeting to discuss the closure of a school | |
| 4. Public Meetings | |
| the Board shall organize and convene a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the following: | Date of the meeting(s): |
| the closure and the implications of the closure for the students, for the community, and for the school system | |
| implementation plans for the closure, and | |

| alternatives to the closure | |
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| the Board shall provide an opportunity for the council of the municipality in which the school is located to provide a statement to the Board of the impact the closure may have on the community | |
| the Board may hold other meetings with respect to the closure at times and places as the Board may determine | |
| the date and place of the public meeting shall be posted in five or more conspicuous places in the area or areas of the school or schools affected by the closure, for a period of at least 14 days before the date of the public meeting | Posting of public meeting in five conspicuous places: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Timeframe of a least 14 days: Yes No |
| the date and place of the public meeting shall be | Newspaper & date of advertisements: |
| advertised in a newspaper circulating within the area or areas of the school or schools affected by the proposed closure, on at least two occasions as close as is practicable to the date of the meeting | |
| at least a quorum of the Board shall attend the public meeting | Trustees who attended: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. |
| the Board shall ensure that minutes of all public meetings held related to school closure are prepared | Minutes of the public meeting prepared: |
| 5. Decision on Closure | |
| a Board shall not make a final decision on the proposed closure until at least three weeks have passed since the date of the public meeting | Date of final board decision: |
| a Board shall give due consideration to any submissions on the proposed closure that it receives after the public meeting | |
| a Board shall, by resolution, decide whether to close the school | |
| if the Board decides to close the school, the Board immediately notifies the Minister of Education, in writing, of the decision | Date of notification to the Minister of Education: |
| 6. Closure within school year | |
| all school closure procedures shall be initiated and completed within the school year in which the decision to close the school is made | Timeframe for closure: Date of initiation: Date of completion: |

Reference: Policy 16

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