

Statutory Compliance 3 – 2

Permanent School Closure

Preamble

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of our schools to our community. The board also recognizes that declining and shifting student populations may necessitate the consolidation and/or closure of schools from time to time. The board will make its proposed plans on consolidation or school closure clear to all concerned and will provide ample lead time before closing any school. When any school is considered for closure, the board recognizes that this consultation process needs to be inclusive and open where the public's input is valued and considered with an open mind before any final decision is made.

Policy Statement

It is the priority of the Board of Education to provide quality educational programs to all of our children. The board will make every effort to balance the needs of our educational programs with the available resources. When school closures are contemplated, the consultation process will be full and comprehensive with every reasonable effort made to engage the public.