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Rationale:

School District #64 (Gulf Islands) recognizes the importance of global awareness and cultural understanding for the students resident in the district. The Gulf Islands International Program is committed to helping the students who reside in the district to better understand these two principles.

To ensure a broader perspective, the district is committed to offering a quality international program that promotes ethnic diversity by enrolling students from culturally diverse parts of the world.

The district recognizes that its primary responsibility is for the education of the students resident in the district who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents, or in Canada under special circumstances, and that it has a responsibility to the international students it enrolls to provide them with a quality educational and cultural experience.

Policy:

The Board supports the integration of international students into district schools. The Board has established the Gulf Islands International Program to coordinate this goal. The responsibilities of the program include: program management, the recruitment of international students, the coordination and monitoring of student homestay placements and the collection of fees.

The admission of students into this program must be in accordance with policy, procedures and regulations set out by the Board, the Ministry of Education, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Annually the Board will approve the acceptance criteria and schedule of fees that will apply to all international students enrolled in district schools. A preliminary schedule of criteria and fees will be submitted to the Board by November 30 for the following school year.