



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 635 Permanent School Closure

*“Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community”*

Section: Health and Safety

Dates of Revisions: December 1, 2004

Date of Adoption and

Resolution Number: June 13, 2018 -76/18

Rationale:

While the School District No. 64 Board of Education supports the concept of “neighbourhood schools” and believes that every effort should be made to sustain them, it recognises that conditions beyond its control, including enrolment decline and loss of adequate funding, may necessitate the closure of a school.

School closures and disposal of school board property are guided by two Ministerial Orders: The School Opening and Closure Order (PDF), and the Disposal of Land or Improvements Order (PDF). These Orders are made under the authority of the School Act (PDF), sections 73, 168(2) (p)(t), and 96(3).

Policy:

The Board of Education has established Policy and Procedure 525 to support and sustain “neighbourhood schools”. It understands that any closure of a school will have a significant and possibly long-lasting impact and therefore establishes this policy and procedure to ensure both community engagement by way of public consultation process, and a plan for smooth transition of students, staff and physical assets, prior to any decision being finalized.

References:

- School Act sections 73, 168(2) (p) (t) and 96(3)
- Ministerial Order 194/08: The School Opening and Closure Order
- Ministerial Order M193/08: Disposal of Lands or Improvements
- Policies 620 and 635; Procedure 620
- BC School Trustees Association, School Closures in British Columbia: Past, Present and Future (<http://sd57dpac.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/School-Closures-in-BC.pdf>)