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SCHOOL FEES

POLICY STATEMENT

The objective of this policy is to ensure that all students under the jurisdiction of the Strait Regional School Board shall have free access to all courses and services outlined in the Public School Program.

School fees in general shall not be charged for goods or services provided to students of school age without which the student could not meet required learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an education program.

In the enforcement of this policy, the Strait Regional School Board must adhere to relevant legislation, including but not limited to, the Department of Education's School Fees Policy, and the *Education Act and Regulations Under the Act (Consolidated August 2006)*, specifically section 5 which stipulates "All public schools established or conducted pursuant to this Act are free schools."

DEFINITIONS

"free" means without monetary charge

"Public School" means a public school maintained and conducted under the Education Act

"School board" means a regional school board or the Conseil acadien

"Public School Program" means the public-school program of education prescribed by the regulations

GUIDELINES

1. This policy applies to all schools in the Strait Region.

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2. Fees shall not be charged for goods and services provided to students without which the student could not meet required learning outcomes or assessment requirements of an educational program as described in the Public School Program.
3. Notwithstanding 2 above, a school may charge fees for the following:
 - (i) fees to recover actual expenses for in-school presentations such as theatre presentations directly related to learning outcomes
 - (ii) fees to recover actual expenses in respect of voluntary or optional curriculum-related activities directly related to learning outcomes; expenses may include transportation, entrance fees and equipment rental, but shall not include substitute teacher costs
 - (iii) fees to cover the cost of rental/repairs of a musical instrument for a student's personal use (i.e. outside the school)
4. Schools are required to facilitate participation by students who are unable to pay so that no student shall be denied the opportunity to participate in those activities which are integral to a course. This shall be done in a sensitive and confidential manner.
5. Schools must ensure that advisory councils, parent groups and/or student councils do not charge fees that would be in violation of this policy.
6. All school policies, procedures, and guidelines related to student fees should ensure that students are not placed in situations where they feel awkward or pressured.
7. Schools are required to maintain and make available an up-to-date accounting statement of revenue and expenditures for fees collected.

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8. Parents and students are expected to provide supplies for personal use such as: writing tools, student planners, scribblers, computer diskettes and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use.
9. Schools may charge optional student fees for locker locks, student council activities, and participation in extra-curricular activities. Such fees should be reasonable and determined after consultation with individual School Advisory Councils, parent groups, and student councils as appropriate.
 - (i) Such fees shall be based on actual costs; and
 - (ii) Each school is required to provide an annual accounting statement to its school advisory council. The respective school advisory council will have the opportunity to advise the school administration on the management of any surplus.

MONITORING

Regional Education Services will monitor that this policy is implemented and complied with by all public schools.

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