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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Non-Resident Fees
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ISSUE

Non-Resident fees are set annually by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of recovering educational programming costs for students who are either not eligible to receive provincial funding or where another district has received the provincial funding allocation and is requesting the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) provide the educational program for their resident students.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the proposed 2014-2015 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved (Attachment I).**
- 2. That the proposed 2015-2016 International Student Tuition fee of \$11,500 and the International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved (Attachment II).**

BACKGROUND

Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees

The District charges a fee for students who are residents of Canada where the parent does not reside in Alberta. As per provincial funding guidelines, EPSB does not receive per student grants for those ineligible students. Therefore, a fee is required to cover the costs of educational programming. For the 2013-2014 school year, there are nine Non-Alberta resident students registered with EPSB.

The District also enters into education service agreements (sponsorships) with other jurisdictions to provide instructional programming for special needs students in Levels 5 - 8. The actual cost of the program for a student can vary due to the specific needs of each student. As such, additional costs may be added to final costs to cover additional educational assistant time. In the current year, EPSB provides programming for 22 directed special needs students, 11 of these students are attending Alberta School for the Deaf.

International Student Program Fees

Through the International Student Program, the District has a 19-year history of offering full-time academic programming to international students from many different countries. This school year, 39 district schools served over 500 international students from 39 different countries. The program generated revenues of approximately \$5.5 million dollars, 67 per cent of which went directly to schools in support of education programs.

International student fees are charged because the District cannot claim education grants for international students. Several factors are considered in determining the international student tuition fee, including the cost of senior high program with English Language Learning (ELL) instruction and support services, district operational costs including staff salaries and expenses associated with operating and managing the program, and the current market conditions for similar programs of this nature in Alberta and across Canada.

RELATED FACTS

- The [Alberta School Act Section 62](#) and the Alberta Education funding manual outline the general conditions for boards with respect to the process for the funding of students with special needs who are directed by the resident school jurisdiction to another school jurisdiction.
- All related funding is provided by Alberta Education to the resident school jurisdiction and payment for the student's program is the responsibility of the resident school jurisdiction.
- International student tuition fees are required to fund any students attending EPSB schools who are not Canadian residents ([Alberta School Act Section 49](#))
- International student fees continue to be allocated in a manner that maximizes revenues to schools but, at the same time ensures sufficient financial resources to administer the program.

CONSIDERATIONS & ANALYSIS

Non-resident fees and special needs fees are reviewed annually based on the cost of programming and in context with changes in provincial grant rates.

Special needs non-resident fees are proposed to remain at 2013-2014 rates, which is consistent with no change in the 2014-2015 provincial base grant rates. In addition, there are no increases in support staff unit costs.

International student tuition and application fees are revisited each year and brought forward for the consideration of the Board of Trustees. This year, the Administration is recommending a modest increase in the international student tuition fee of \$500 (from \$11,000 to \$11,500), effective for the 2015-2016 school year. The Administration is further recommending that the current international student application fee of \$250 be maintained.

NEXT STEPS

Once approved, the rates will be communicated to district staff through the *Need to Know News*.

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2014-2015 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees

ATTACHMENT II 2015-2016 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**2014-2015 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees**

Description		2014-2015 Proposed Fees	2013-2014 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
NON-ALBERTA RESIDENT FEE					
	Non-ELL Fee	\$7,112	\$7,112	\$0	0%
	ELL Fee	\$8,290	\$8,290	\$0	0%
SPECIAL NEEDS NON-RESIDENT FEE					
Level 5	Communication, ELL Foreign Born Refugee, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Learning Disability, Literacy, Mild Cognitive Disability, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Hearing, Multiple, Visual Disability, Non-verbal Learning Disability, Strategies	\$13,277	\$13,277	\$0	0%
Level 6	Moderate Cognitive, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$14,829	\$14,829	\$0	0%
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, ECS Severe Special Needs (PUF), Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$25,842	\$25,842	\$0	0%
Level 8	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$36,215	\$36,215	\$0	0%

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**2015-2016 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees**

Description	2015-2016 Proposed Fees	2014-2015 Approved Fees		
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	\$11,500	\$11,000	\$500	4.5%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE	\$250	\$250	\$0	0%