

DATE: June 23, 2015

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Non-Resident Fees and 2016-2017 International Student Program 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 Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB) to provide the educational program for their resident students.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the proposed 2015-2016 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved (Attachment I).**
- 2. That the proposed 2016-2017 International Student Tuition fee of \$11,500 and the International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved (Attachment I).**

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 2014-2015 school year there are six 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 through 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 24 directed special needs students, 16 of these students are attending Alberta School for the Deaf.

International Student Program Fees

The District has a 20-year history of offering full-time academic programming to international students from many different countries, through the International Student Program. This school year 46 district schools served 570 international students from 34 different countries. The program generated revenues of approximately \$5.5 million dollars, 70 per cent of which went directly to schools in support of teacher retention and 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 fees; 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 Education funding manual outlines the process for the funding of students with special needs who are directed by the resident school jurisdictions 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 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 review annually based on the costs of programming and in context with changes in provincial grant rates.

The last increase for the Non-Alberta Resident fee was in 2012-2013. Non-Alberta Resident fees are based on the base instructional funding plus an overhead charge. As there has only been an increase in provincial base instruction funding for 2015-2016, it is proposed that the Non-Alberta Resident fee increase by the same amount.

The last increase for Special Needs Non-Resident fees was in 2013-2014. Special Needs Non-Resident fees are based on the base instruction funding plus several differential cost funding factors. In 2015-2016, there has only been an increase in base instruction funding so the fees have increased by that amount.

International student tuition and application fees are revisited each year and brought forward for the consideration of the Board. The administration is recommending that the current international student tuition fee of \$11,500 and 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 2015-2016 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
 2016-2017 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2015-2016 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
2016-2017 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

Description	2015-2016 Proposed Fees	2014-2015 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
NON-ALBERTA RESIDENT FEE				
Non-ELL Fee	\$7,230	\$7,112	\$118	1.7%
ELL Fee	\$8,408	\$8,290	\$118	1.4%
SPECIAL NEEDS NON-RESIDENT FEE				
Level 5 Communication Disability, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Learning Disability/Non-verbal Learning Disability, Literacy, Mild Cognitive/Intellectual Disability, Moderate Emotional/Behavioural Disability, Moderate Hearing Disability, Moderate Visual Disability, Refugee Level 5	\$13,395	\$13,277	\$118	0.9%
Level 6 Moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder, Moderate cognitive/Intellectual Disability, Moderate Multiple Disability, Moderate Physical/Medical Disability	\$14,947	\$14,829	\$118	0.8%
Level 7 Blindness, Deafness, Severe Autism Spectrum Disorder, Severe Cognitive/Intellectual Disability, Severe Emotional/Behavioural Disability, Severe Multiple Disability, Severe Physical/Medical Disability	\$25,960	\$25,842	\$118	0.5%
Level 8 Blindness, Deafness, Severe Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sever Cognitive/Intellectual Disability, Severe Multiple Disability, Severe Physical/Medical Disability	\$36,333	\$36,215	\$118	0.3%
	2016-2017 Proposed Fees	2015-2016 Approved Fees		
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$0	0%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE	\$250	\$250	\$0	0%