

DATE: May 17, 2016

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Non-Resident Fees and 2017-2018 International Student Program Fees

ORIGINATOR: Dr. Lorne Parker, Executive Director, Infrastructure

RESOURCE

STAFF: Todd Burnstad, Ann Calverley, Jennifer Price, Madonna Proulx

REFERENCE: N/A

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 to provide the educational programming for their resident students.

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, Edmonton Public Schools does not receive per student grants for those ineligible students. Therefore, a fee is required to cover the costs of educational programming. For the 2015-2016 school year, there are six Non-Alberta resident students registered with Edmonton Public Schools.

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 cover costs such as additional educational assistant time. In the current year, Edmonton Public Schools provides programming for 19 directed special needs students, 13 of these students are attending the 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, 55 District schools served 610 international students from 35 different countries. The program generated revenues of approximately \$6 million, 67 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 programs 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 for special needs students 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.
- The 2016-2017 international student tuition fee of \$11,500 and the international student application fee of \$250 were approved at the June 23, 2015 public board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the proposed 2016-2017 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees, be approved (Attachment I).**
2. **That the proposed 2017-2018 International Student Tuition fee of \$12,000 and the International Student Application fee of \$250, be approved (Attachment I).**

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

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

Non-Alberta resident fees are based on the base instructional funding plus an overhead charge. As there has been no change in provincial base instruction funding for 2016-2017, it is proposed that the Non-Alberta resident fees remain unchanged as well.

Special needs non-resident fees are proposed to remain unchanged at the 2015-2016 rates, which is consistent with no change in the 2016-2017 provincial base grant rates. School resource allocations such as student allocation rates and support staff unit costs are also unchanged for 2016-2017.

International student tuition and application fees are revisited each year and brought forward for the consideration of the Board. The administration is recommending that for the 2017-2018 school year, the international student tuition fee be increased by \$500, to \$12,000 per year. The increase will allow the District to keep pace with costs associated with programming, and is in line with the cost of programming in its closest comparable school jurisdiction, the Calgary Board of Education.

NEXT STEPS

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

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2016-2017 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
 2017-2018 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016-2017 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
2017-2018 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

<i>Description</i>	<i>2016-2017 Proposed Fees</i>	<i>2015-2016 Approved Fees</i>	<i>Variance \$</i>	<i>Variance %</i>
NON-ALBERTA RESIDENT FEE				
<i>Non-ELL Fee</i>	\$7,230	\$7,230	\$0	0%
<i>ELL Fee</i>	\$8,408	\$8,408	\$0	0%
SPECIAL NEEDS NON-RESIDENT FEE				
Level 5 <i>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</i>	\$13,395	\$13,395	\$0	0%
Level 6 <i>Moderate Cognitive, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder</i>	\$14,947	\$14,947	\$0	0%
Level 7 <i>Blindness, Deafness, ECS Severe Special Needs (PUF), Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder</i>	\$25,960	\$25,960	\$0	0%
Level 8 <i>Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder</i>	\$36,333	\$36,333	\$0	0%
	<i>2017-2018 Proposed Fees</i>	<i>2016-2017 Approved Fees</i>		
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	\$12,000	\$11,500	\$500	4.3%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE	\$250	\$250	\$0	0%