

Recommendation Report

DATE: May 23, 2017

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2017-2018 Non-Resident Fees and 2018-2019 International Student Program Fees

ORIGINATOR: Todd Burnstad, Chief Financial Officer

RESOURCE

STAFF: Krista Brandon, Mandi Freudenreich , Jennifer Price

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 2016-2017 school year, there are three 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 29 directed special needs students, 14 of these students are attending the Alberta School for the Deaf.

International Student Program Fees

The District has a 22-year history of offering full-time academic programming to international students from many different countries through the International Student Program. This school year, 48 District schools served 590 international students from 33 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

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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.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the proposed 2017-2018 Non-Alberta Residents and Special Needs Non-Residents fees, be approved (Attachment I).
- 2. That the proposed 2018-2019 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 2017-2018, it is proposed that the Non-Alberta Resident fees remain unchanged.

Special needs non-resident fees are proposed to remain unchanged at the 2016-2017 rates, which is consistent with no change in the 2017-2018 provincial base grant rates. School resource allocations such as student allocation rates and support staff unit costs are also unchanged for 2017-2018.

International student tuition and application fees are revised each year and brought forward for the consideration of the Board of Trustees. The administration is recommending that the current international student fee of \$12,000 and the current international student application fee of \$250 be maintained.

NEXT STEPS

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

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2017-201

2017-2018 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees 2018-2019 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
2018-2019 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

	Description	2017-2018 Proposed Fees	2016-2017 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
NON-ALBERTA RESIDENT FEE					
	Non-ELL Fee ELL Fee	<i>\$7,230</i> <i>\$8,408</i>	\$7,230 \$8,408	\$0 \$0	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	\$13,395	\$13,395	\$0	0%
Level 6	Moderate Cognitive, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$14,947	\$14,947	\$0	0%
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, ECS Severe Special Needs (PUF), Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$25,960	\$25,960	\$0	0%
Level 8	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$36,333	\$36,333	\$0	0%
INTERN	IATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	2018-2019 Proposed Fees \$12,000	2017-2018 Approved Fees \$12,000	<i>\$0</i>	0%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE		\$250	\$250	<i>\$0</i>	0%