

DATE: May 26, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Non-Resident Fees and 2021-2022 International Student Fees

ORIGINATOR: Todd Burnstad, Chief Financial Officer

RESOURCE

STAFF: Ann Calverley, Cheryl Chui, Jennifer Price, Madonna Proulx

REFERENCE: [Education Act](#)

ISSUE

Each year administration brings forward a recommendation report to the Board of Trustees for approval of non-resident fees. These fees are set annually for the purpose of recovering education costs for non-resident students where we are not eligible to receive funding; or, another school division has received the funding and is requesting Edmonton Public schools to provide the education programming for their resident student(s).

International Student Fees are charged as Edmonton Public Schools cannot claim provincial education grants for international students.

BACKGROUND

Non-Alberta Resident Fees and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees

The Division charges a fee for students who are residents of Canada where the parent does not reside in Alberta. As per the current Alberta Education funding manual, the Division does not receive per student grants for those ineligible students; therefore, a fee is required to cover the costs of educational programming. For the current school year, there are seven non-Alberta resident students registered with Edmonton Public Schools.

The Division also enters into education service agreements (sponsorships) with other school divisions to provide instructional programming for special needs students. The actual cost of the program for a student can vary due to the specific needs of each student. As such, additional fees may be added to cover costs such as additional educational assistant time and transportation costs. In the current year, Edmonton Public Schools is providing programming for 18 directed special needs students; 12 of these students are attending the Alberta School for the Deaf.

International Student Program Fees

Through the International Student Program, the Division has a 25-year history of offering full-time, academic programming to international students from a variety of countries. This school year, 52 Division schools served 489 international students from 37 countries. The program generated revenues of approximately \$5.9 million, 63 per cent of which went directly to schools in support of teacher retention, education programs, and a range of learning resources. The remaining 37 per cent was retained centrally to support program costs with remaining funds included in the general Division budget.

Several factors are considered in determining the International Student Tuition Fee including; the cost of a senior high program with English Language Learning (ELL) instruction and support services; Division operational costs including staff salaries and expenses associated with operating and managing the program; and the current market conditions for programs of a similar nature in Alberta and across Canada.

RELATED FACTS

- Sponsored special needs and other non-resident students are excluded in the weighted moving average (WMA) calculation for provincial funding.
- Changes to the new provincial funding framework have been considered in determining the Special Needs Non-Resident Fees.
- Provincial funding is claimed by the school division where the student resides. Sponsorship agreements are the mechanism to transfer funds from the resident school division to Edmonton Public Schools when Edmonton Public Schools has been requested to provide programming for the non-resident student.
- Non-Alberta Resident Fees and Special Needs Fees are reviewed annually, based on the costs of programming and in context with changes to student funding rates.
- The last increase proposed for International Student Fees was approved on May 22, 2018 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Proposed International Student Fees are requested two years in advance to ensure sufficient time to communicate the fee schedule to families and partners. As well, the advanced notice is required to respect that families must be afforded adequate time to plan and budget.
- 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 2020-2021 Non-Alberta Residents Fees and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved (Attachment I).**
2. **That the proposed 2021-2022 International Student Tuition fee of \$12,500 and an International Student Application fee of \$250 be approved (Attachment I).**

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

Non-Resident Fees are proposed to remain unchanged for the 2020-2021 school year.

International Student Fees are proposed to remain unchanged for the 2021-2022 school year.

NEXT STEPS

Once approved, the rates will be communicated to Division staff through *Connect* and International Student materials will be updated.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2020-2021 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
 2021-2022 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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2020-2021 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees**2021-2022 Proposed International Students Tuition and Application Fees**

FEE DESCRIPTION		2020-2021 Proposed Fees	2019-2020 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
NON-ALBERTA RESIDENT FEE *					
	Non-ELL Fee	\$7,230	\$7,230	\$0	-
	ELL Fee	\$8,408	\$8,408	\$0	-
SPECIAL NEEDS NON-RESIDENT FEE *					
LEVEL					
5	Refugee	\$13,395	\$13,395	\$0	-
	Mild/Moderate including: Communication Disability, Gifted & Talented Extensions, Learning Disability, Literacy, Mild Intellectual Disability, Moderate Autism Spectrum Disorder, Moderate				
6	Emotional/Behavioral Disability, Moderate Hearing Disability, Moderate Intellectual Disability, Moderate Multiple Disability, Moderate Physical/Medical Disability, Moderate Visual Disability	\$14,947	\$14,947	\$0	-
	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple, Physical or				
7	Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$25,960	\$25,960	\$0	-
	Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or				
8	Pervasive Developmental Disorder	\$36,333	\$36,333	\$0	-

* Additional fees may be added to cover costs such as additional educational assistant time and transportation costs

	2021-2022 Proposed Fees	2020-2021 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0	-
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE	\$250	\$250	\$0	-