



## **631 – SCHOOL CLOSURES/CONSOLIDATION**

### **Introduction**

The Board of Education has a responsibility to provide school facilities throughout the school district that will allow for program effectiveness for all students, health and safety of all occupants and operational efficiency. At times, the Board may have to consider consolidation or closure of schools.

### **Policy**

By the last meeting of the Board in November, the Superintendent will present an analysis to the Board on any recommendations for school closure or consolidation.

By no later than January, subsequent to agreeing to consider the Superintendent’s recommendation, the Board will initiate a process of discussion and consultation with parents, staff and the community. The consultation process shall be in accordance with the attached regulations.

Consultation will be meaningful, and fair consideration will be given to all public input prior to the Board making its final decision. Fair consideration includes the concept that the Board’s proposal to close a school could be changed or reversed.

In March, based on the preceding process, the Board will make a decision on the reorganization of schools so that any necessary school closure/school consolidation could be effective June 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year.