

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>COMMUNITY SCHOOLS</b>	No.: B-425
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The Board of Education endorses the concept of community education and supports and encourages the development of community schools in appropriately located geographic areas of the school district.

The Board supports and encourages the development of comprehensive educational-social-recreational programs at each community school.

Specifically, the Board supports the following basic objectives:

- a. To strengthen the existing school program through the greater involvement and utilization of available community resources and the use of the total community, wherever appropriate, as a resource for the development of curricula.
- b. To facilitate school co-operation and co-ordination with private and public community agencies.
- c. To more effectively utilize existing community resources, including schools and other facilities, for desired community programs.
- d. To expand the range of optional learning, participation and involvement opportunities for children and youth.
- e. To provide involvement and participation opportunities for adults and the promotion of volunteer leadership in all phases of the program.
- f. To increase local citizen involvement in decision-making and leadership aspects of their local community efforts.

The principle of user-pay for programs and courses not supported by the Ministry will be maintained. Notwithstanding this, the Board of Education will provide limited financial support for the development of community schools.