



## YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### ***Policy #475.0, Education Development Charges: School Sites – Operating Budget Surplus***

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#### **Application**

*Policy #475.0, Education Development Charges: School Sites – Operating Budget Surplus* ensures that the York Region District School Board has reviewed its operating budget for savings that could be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs.

#### **Stakeholder Groups with Responsibilities Under this Policy**

- Board of Trustees
- Director of Education
- Associate Directors of Education
- Superintendents
- Business/Finance Services
- Planning Services

#### **Relationship to Board priorities**

This policy supports the priority of stewardship of Board resources in the Multi-Year Plan by “demonstrating professionalism and accountability for high standards of practice in all Board operations” and “enhancing confidence in public education by increasing civic engagement”.

This policy supports the priority of enhancing relationships with staff, students, parents and our communities as per the Director’s Annual Plan by “enhancing job-embedded professional exchange and development in alignment with student and staff needs and the Board’s renewed goals”.

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# Board Policy #475.0

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### 1. **Background**

- (1) Section 9 (1) paragraph 8 of Ontario Regulation 20/98, Education Development Charges – General provides that an education development background charge study must contain:

*“A statement from the board stating that it has reviewed its operating budget for savings that could be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs, and the amount of any savings which it proposes to apply, if any.”*

- (2) The review referred to in Section 9(1) paragraph 8 should be conducted annually, if possible, as part of the process of setting the estimates.
- (3) Under the General Legislative Grant Regulation, only a surplus from the non-classroom part of the estimates is eligible to be used to acquire school sites, thereby reducing the “growth-related net education land cost” and the education development charge that may be levied by the Board.

### 2. **Direction**

The Board shall review its operating budget on an annual basis to determine whether there are savings which could be applied for the purpose of acquiring school sites by purchase, lease or otherwise, and determine the amount of any savings which it proposes to apply, if any. A motion will be passed, as part of the annual Budget process, with regard to the use of operating budget surpluses for the acquisition of school sites.

### 3. **Regulations**

- (1) A Board shall annually pass a motion substantially in the form attached as the appendix to this policy.

### **POLICY HISTORY**

Approved 1999  
Revised 2004  
Revised 2010  
Working Document June 2014  
Revised April 2015

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## APPENDIX

### BOARD MOTION PURSUANT TO THE POLICY ENTITLED “SCHOOL SITES – OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUS” CONCERNING THE USE OF OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUSES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES

Whereas the Board has reviewed its operating budget for savings that could be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs and has determined that the amount of savings which could be applied to such purposes is \_\_\_\_\_;

Moved that:

- (1) The Board will designate \$Y as available for the purpose of acquiring school sites by purchase, lease or otherwise;
- (2) The Board’s reasons for so deciding are as follows:

(Reasons for the decision should be included which indicate where the Board will be directing the funds, if any, and its basic reasons for doing so. The purpose for this part of the motion is to ensure that a clear record of the Board’s decision and its reasons are available as part of the public record for inclusion in the education development charge background study.)

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