

FACILITIES

Policy 704 **(previously Policy 904)**

School Closure and/or Consolidation

The Board recognizes that declining and shifting student populations may necessitate the consolidation and/or closure of schools. The Board also recognizes and understands that permanent school closure decisions have the potential to affect and impact many stakeholders in the community, and that these stakeholders must be afforded a meaningful opportunity to provide input prior to any decision being made by the Board.

It is the policy of the Board to bear in mind the possible impact on other Board policies, such as its attendance area policies and its policies pertaining to personnel assignment. It is the declared intent of the Board to make its policies and regulations on school closure clear to all concerned, to provide ample lead time before closing any school, and to support a process that provides an opportunity for those who will be affected to be involved before any decision is made.

The Board has approved regulations for implementing school closures. These are an integral part of the Board's policy, and may not be changed except by Board action. (See Board Regulation 704-R (formerly 904-R).