

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2019-2020 Non-Resident Fees and 2020-2021 International Student Fees

ORIGINATOR: Todd Burnstad, Chief Financial Officer

RESOURCE

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REFERENCE: [School 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 district 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 District 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 District does not receive per student grants for those ineligible students; therefore, a fee is required to cover the costs of educational programming. For the 2018-2019 school year, there are five non-Alberta resident students registered with Edmonton Public Schools.

The District also enters into education service agreements (sponsorships) with other jurisdictions to provide instructional programming for special needs students in Levels 5 through 8. 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 provides 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 District has a 24-year history of offering full-time, academic programming to international students from a variety of countries. This school year, 47 District schools served 570 international students from 38 countries. The program generated revenues of approximately \$6.5 million, 67 per cent of which went directly to schools in support of teacher retention, education programs, and a range of learning resources. The remaining 33 per cent was

retained centrally to support program costs with remaining funds included in the general District 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; District 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

- Through sponsorship arrangements, provincial funding for special needs students is directed to the resident school jurisdiction. Payment for the student's program with the District is the responsibility of the resident school jurisdiction.
- Administration is assuming no changes to provincial student funding rates.
- 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.
- Non-Alberta Resident Fees are based on base student funding rates provided by Alberta Education plus an administration charge.
- Changes to schools' mild/moderate allocation rates have been considered in determining the Special Needs Non-Resident Fees.
- The last increase proposed for International Student Fees was in May 2018 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- 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 2019-2020 Non-Alberta Residents Fees and Special Needs Non-Residents fees be approved (Attachment I).**
2. **That the proposed 2020-2021 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 2019-2020 school year.

Each year the International Student Fees are revisited and brought forward for the consideration of the Board of Trustees. At the June 5, 2018, public Board meeting, an increase in the tuition fee effective for the 2019-2020 school year was approved. Administration is proposing no changes to the international tuition for the 2020-2021 school year.

NEXT STEPS

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

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2019-2020 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
 2020-2021 Proposed International Student Tuition and Application Fees

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Edmonton Public Schools
2019-2020 Proposed Non-Alberta Resident and Special Needs Non-Resident Fees
2020-2021 Proposed International Students Tuition and Application Fees

FEE DESCRIPTION	2019-2020 Proposed Fees	2018-2019 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 Emotional/Behavioral Disability, Moderate Hearing Disability, Moderate Intellectual Disability, Moderate Multiple Disability, Moderate Physical/Medical Disability, Moderate Visual Disability				
6	\$14,947	\$14,947	\$0	-
Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder				
7	\$25,960	\$25,960	\$0	-
Blindness, Deafness, Severe Cognitive, Multiple, Physical or Medical Disability, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder				
8	\$36,333	\$36,333	\$0	-

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FEE	2020-2021 Proposed Fees	2019-2020 Approved Fees	Variance \$	Variance %
		\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FEE	\$250	\$250	\$0	-