

DATE: November 1, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Vice-Chair Trustee Ip, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #02 of the Special Caucus Committee
(From the meeting held on September 20, 2022)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the September 20, 2022, Caucus Committee meeting:

Response to Thrive Charter School Application

That the Board Chair write to the Minister of Education opposing the approval of Thrive Charter School Society's application to open a charter school stating that while it appreciates the efforts to support students from low socio-economic backgrounds, the programming replicates what EPSB currently offers across the entire city.

BACKGROUND

[Thrive Charter School Society](#) has applied to open a charter school in central northwest Edmonton. The Society intends to offer Kindergarten to Grade 9 programming specifically for students from low socio-economic backgrounds. The proposal is also for onsite wrap-around services, before- and after-school programming and activities, and enriched STEM programming.

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