



P067, Learning Opportunities Index (LOI) Policy: Phase 1

To: Governance and Policy Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Transform Student Learning
- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Policy Review Work Plan, as presented in this report be approved.

Context

The Learning Opportunities Index Policy (P067) (the “LOI Policy”) (Appendix A) was adopted on February 11, 2009, and last revised on June 17, 2015. On June 1, 2022 the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution which directed staff to initiate the review of the LOI Policy (P067) (Appendix A) by December 2022.

In accordance with the resolution and the Policy Review Schedule approved by the Board on February 1, 2023, the Policy Review Work Plan (Appendix B) was developed. Under the Work Plan, the review of the LOI Policy will be conducted in combination with the results of the LOI methodology review (Appendix C) and the jurisdictional scan of comparable policies of school boards. The review will focus on advancing the principles of equity through application of the LOI in decision-making and allocation of resources. Details on proposed matters for review and consideration are outlined in Appendix B. As part of the LOI Policy review, staff recommends holding consultations and focus groups with the Inner City Community Advisory Committee, staff, and trustees during the Policy drafting phase (Phase 2) and during the consultation phase (Phase 4), with

an emphasis on providing opportunities for feedback from key stakeholders (e.g., ICCAC) during the review of the LOI Policy. The public consultations will be conducted with community members, key stakeholders, and the public during a 45-calendar day term.

The Policy Review Work Plan (Appendix B) is provided for Committee's consideration and approval.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

Subject to approval of the Policy Review Work Plan by the Board of Trustees, staff will initiate public consultations and conduct the policy review in accordance with the Work Plan.

Subject to the Governance and Policy Committee's recommendation and the Board of Trustees approval, a draft LOI Policy will be developed in accordance with the Policy Development Work Plan. Following public consultations, it is expected that the revised Policy will be presented for consideration to the Governance and Policy Committee in late Fall 2023 or early winter 2024, and subsequently, to the Board of Trustees for final approval in Winter 2024.

Resource Implications

No additional resources will be required for the review of the Policy.

Communications Considerations

Following Board approval, the Policy will be communicated and implemented in accordance with the Policy Review Work Plan.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

- Learning Opportunities Index (PR526)

Appendices

- Appendix A: Learning Opportunities Index Policy (P067) - Current
- Appendix B: Policy Review Work Plan
- Appendix C: LOI Methodology Review

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