



Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Policy (P085) Review, Phase 1

To: Governance and Policy Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

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

Context

In accordance with the policy review schedule approved by the Board of Trustees, the Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Policy (P085) (see Appendix A) is to be reviewed during the 2020/21 school year. The Policy and related Operational Procedures were adopted in June, 2014. Since then, new online tools have been developed which have resulted in changes to attendance and safe arrival processes.

The proposed revisions to the Policy as outlined in the Policy Review Work Plan (see Appendix B) are based on a review of legislative requirements, government policy directions, and operational requirements of the TDSB. As part of the Policy Review Work Plan, staff completed a jurisdictional scan of similar policies from other school boards (see Appendix C).

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

Based on the Governance and Policy Committee's input, the Policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Work Plan and subsequently presented to the

Governance and Policy Committee for consideration and recommendation. The Policy will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Resource Implications

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

Communications Considerations

The Policy will be communicated in accordance with the Policy Review Work Plan.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

- Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Procedures (Elementary) (PR707A)
- Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Procedures (Secondary) (PR707B)
- Severe Weather: Schools and Administrative Offices/Sites Procedure (PR519)

Appendices

- Appendix A: Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Policy (P085) (current)
- Appendix B: Policy Review Work Plan
- Appendix C: Scan of Selected Ontario School Boards

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