

## **POLICY 370 DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Catchment area schools are important neighbourhood assets and are central in meeting the educational needs of students within the district.

The Board's Mission – “to ensure deep learning that engages our heart, head and hands to develop competencies vital for the success of all learners” – is supported by offering district programs and unique learning opportunities.

Choice for students, parents and staff is offered, where feasible and appropriate, in the form of district programs and/or schools that offer unique opportunities. These schools provide a program with a specific educational focus (e.g. Integrated Arts & Technology), while prioritizing attendance from the existing school catchment area in accordance with board policy.

District programs (e.g. French Immersion) provide a specific education program and will normally have the entire district as a catchment area.