

## **POLICY 340 SCHOOL FEES AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education (the “Board”) offers many types of learning opportunities and experiences. Students will not be charged for educational resources needed to meet the general graduation requirements.

### **Guidelines**

#### **Fees and Deposits allowed by Law**

- The Board may charge fees for goods and services, as permitted by [Ministerial Orders](#) and the [School Act](#).
- The Board may also require deposits for educational resource materials as allowed under Section 82 of the [School Act](#). These deposits may be fully or partly refundable.

#### **Optional Programs and Activities**

- The Board may set fees for optional programs, extra-curricular activities, or other goods and services that the Chilliwack School District (the “District”) provides to enhance learning and school life.
- Students and parents must be told how they can request a fee waiver if they cannot pay.

#### **Publication of Fees and Deposits**

- Before each school year begins, the Board will ensure schools publish a schedule of all required fees and deposits.
- This schedule must be available to students, parents, guardians, and caregivers.

#### **Financial Hardship**

- The Superintendent will make procedures to ensure fees and deposits do not stop a student from taking part in educational programs or activities.
- These procedures must allow students facing financial hardship to participate, even if they cannot pay the fees or deposits.