

SCHOOL BUILDING CLOSURE

In accordance with the Education Act, the Board may deem it necessary to close existing schools or to realign attendance areas to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the division. When considering the possible closure of a school or school program, the Board will consult and communicate with the parents and the broader community, in

Specifically:

1. In the event of a possible school closure or transfer of students from one school building to another school building, temporarily or permanently, the Board will communicate the proposed changes to the parents of every student enrolled in the school(s) that may be affected and any other person, municipality or community organization, who, in the opinion of the Board, may be significantly affected by the action considered, prior to any decision being made.
2. The process for the closure of schools is outlined in Section 62(1) of the Education Act as of September 1, 2019 or as updated through subsequent legislative or regulatory changes. The Superintendent shall review current legislation to ensure that the process to be followed by the Board is in compliance with provincial requirements.
3. The Board upon receiving a referral from the Superintendent of Schools regarding the possible closure of a school or the transfer of students from one school building to another school building, temporarily or permanently, shall determine whether or not to proceed with further study;
4. Should the Board wish to proceed with a consideration of closure, the Board will have the matter raised by way of a motion at a regular meeting of the Board, and writing notify the parents of every child and student enrolled in the school who, in the opinion of the board, will be significantly affected by the closure of the school.
5. Should the Board pass a resolution to permanently close a school, the Board shall notify the Minister in writing forthwith and include the name of the school(s) and the effective date of closure. Subsequent to the final debate and vote on the motion, and if the vote is in favour of school closure, the Board shall request approval from the Minister forthwith in order to proceed with the closure.

Legal Reference: Section 62 Education Act
Alberta Regulation (Closure of Schools Regulation) 238/1997

First Reading:	March 13, 2012
Second Reading:	April 17, 2012
Third Reading:	May 08, 2012
First reading	June 9, 2020
Second reading	September 8, 2020 <i>proposed</i>
Third Reading	September 8, 2020 <i>proposed</i>