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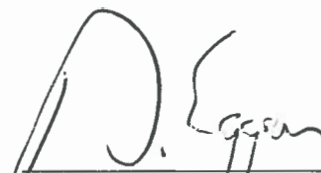
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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
MINISTERIAL ORDER (# 017 / 2018)

I, David Eggen, Minister of Education, pursuant to Section 22(10) of the *School Act*, make the Order set out in the attached Appendix, being the **School Councils Amendment Regulation**.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta August 14, 2018.


MINISTER OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX

School Act

SCHOOL COUNCILS AMENDMENT REGULATION

1 The *School Councils Regulation* (AR 113/2007) is amended by this Regulation.

2 Section 1 is amended

(a) by adding the following after clause (b):

(b.1) “early childhood services program” means an education program provided by a board under section 30 of the Act;

(b) in clause (f)(ii) by striking out “Early Childhood Services” and substituting “early childhood services”.

3 Section 2 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Establishment meeting

2(1) If a school that is required to have a school council has no school council, the school must, within 40 days after the start of the school year, hold a meeting for the purpose of establishing a school council.

(2) If there are fewer than 5 parents in attendance at an establishment meeting or if the meeting is not successful in establishing a school council, the principal may adjourn the meeting to a later date and establish an advisory committee to carry out one or more duties or functions of a school council in the interim until a school council is established.

(3) Any advisory committee established under subsection (2) is dissolved on the establishment of a school council.

4 Section 3(3) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(3) A notice under subsection (1) may be given by any means that the principal considers appropriate, including electronic means.

(4) If an establishment meeting is adjourned under section 2(2), notice of the adjournment date must be given in accordance with this section.

5 Section 4 is repealed.

6 Section 6(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(2) For greater certainty, but without restricting the generality of subsection (1)(a), the persons attending an establishment meeting may decide that for the purposes of section 8(1)(d), the school council may include

- (a) all parents of students enrolled in the school, and
- (b) if an early childhood services program is offered at the school, all parents of children enrolled in an early childhood services program at the school

who wish to be members.

7 Section 7(b) is amended by striking out “Early Childhood Services” and substituting “early childhood services”.

8 Section 8 is amended

(a) in subsection (1) by adding the following after clause (d):

- (e) if an early childhood services program is offered at the school, parents of children enrolled in the program.

(b) by repealing subsection (3).

9 Section 9(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(2) A parent of a student enrolled in the school or, if an early childhood services program is offered at the school, a parent of a child enrolled in the program must be elected chair of the executive.

10 Section 13 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Responsibilities of board

13(1) A board must provide the school council with an opportunity to provide advice on the development of the school's

- (a) foundation statements, if any, respecting the school's vision, principles and beliefs,
- (b) policies,
- (c) annual education plan and annual results report required by the Minister to be reported under section 78 of the Act, and
- (d) budget.

(2) A board must provide the school council with the results for the school from provincial assessments and any other provincial measures, and an interpretation of those results and measures.

(3) A board must at all reasonable times allow the school council free and full access to timely and accurate information of the board that is publicly available, including board policies and minutes of board meetings.

11 The following is added after section 13:

Donations

13.1(1) A school council may receive donations on behalf of a board but no school council shall raise funds or otherwise solicit donations in any manner that would require a gaming licence under the *Gaming and Liquor Act*.

(2) A school council must handle and report all money it receives, if any, in accordance with applicable policies and procedures of the board.

12 Section 14(1)(b) is repealed and the following is substituted:

- (b) detailing, in accordance with the policies referred to in section 13.1(2), the receipt, handling and use of any money by the school council in the previous school year.

13 This Regulation comes into force on September 1, 2018.