

## **POLICY 260 COMMUNITY SCHOOL SOCIETY**

A Community School is created when a non-profit society is formed in partnership with the school and School District. This partnership provides enhanced services in our school communities. These important neighbourhood hubs are places where children, youth, families, residents, agencies, and local businesses work together to build a strong, caring, and supportive community.

Community School objectives include, but are not limited to, the following considerations:

- Use of schools as lifelong learning centres.
- Promotion of equitable and accessible educational opportunities for children, youth and adults.
- Use of school, district and community resources to enrich services to children, youth, families and the community.
- Improvement of community relations and community development.
- Strengthening inter-agency cooperation and coordination.
- Recognition of and response to identified community needs.

All public users of School District Facilities, including Community School partners, must adhere to Board of Education policies and be in alignment with the District's core values.

Community School organizers must request approval in principle from the Board of Education prior to proceeding with the planning of the creation of a Community School Society.