

## Policy B – Hutterite Colony Schools, Cont'd

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### **HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION**

### **POLICY HANDBOOK**

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### **POLICY**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION RECOGNIZES AND RESPECTS THE WISH OF THE HUTTERIAN BRETHREN IN THE DIVISION TO HAVE SCHOOLS BASED ON EACH COLONY AND WILL ESTABLISH SUCH SCHOOLS SUBJECT TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND BOARD FUNDING PRINCIPLES.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. With the goal of providing a quality education to colony schools' students, a Memorandum of Agreement will be established between the Board of Trustees of the Horizon School Division and Hutterian colonies that describes responsibilities, procedures for operational expenses, staffing allocation, colony start-up procedures, and student registration procedures.
  - 1.1 The Memorandum of Agreement will outline colony responsibilities including school facility structure and maintenance, furniture, outdoor play area, and storage.
  - 1.2 The Memorandum of Agreement will outline Board responsibilities including staffing and personnel procedures, classroom supplies, caretaking supplies, curriculum and instruction.
  - 1.3 Colony schools will be operated on the assumption that the board is committed to achieving a balanced budget with respect to instructional revenue and expenses attributed to colony schools. If expenses to operate colony schools exceed the revenue of all the pooled resources from Alberta Education generated by colony schools, the board shall requisition a supplementary levy in accordance with Alberta Education policy and the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement between Horizon School Division and colony schools.
  - 1.4 The Memorandum of Agreement will include a commitment to annual meetings with colony schools to ensure open and honest communication.
  - 1.5 The Memorandum of Agreement will include procedures and cost-sharing responsibilities for new colony school start-up.
2. The programs of study in the colony schools shall be in accordance with Alberta Education requirements in both time and content.
3. All colony schools will be exempted from Health instruction directed at sexual health outcomes in the Alberta Program of Study.

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4. Alberta Distance Learning materials may be permitted; however, the teacher shall be responsible for the monitoring of student progress.

### **Regulations**

5. The Horizon School Division shall host a meeting annually with Colony Brethren at which time the Memorandum of Agreement may be reviewed and revised and time given to discuss the education programs on the colonies in general.
6. The Board shall identify a principal for Colony Schools.