

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS: SERVING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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### PREAMBLE

The Board subscribes to the basic principle that the community should have access to school facilities for a wide variety of purposes. It appreciates that the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages is appropriate for some of these purposes but recognizes the potential for abuse that exists wherever alcoholic beverages are made available.

Provided those alcoholic beverages are served and consumed in a manner exemplary for the community at large, including students; and provided that all relevant regulations are strictly adhered to, the Board is prepared to sanction the use of alcoholic beverages in school facilities under certain circumstances.

### POLICY

**THERE SHALL BE NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UPON PROPERTIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE BOARD WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD.**

### OBJECTIVES

To make school and ancillary facilities available for community use under terms consistent with widely held Community standards.

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. Applications

Applications to serve alcoholic beverages in school or ancillary facilities.

- a. shall be made in writing to the Board through the Secretary-Treasurer or designate at least thirty days in advance of the proposed event;
- b. shall include a clear statement of intent if liquor is to be used as a means of raising funds;
- c. shall be accompanied by an appropriate plan for security and control of the function;
- d. shall be accompanied by a performance bond of two hundred fifty dollars.

#### 2. Eligibility – Operating Schools

The Board will consider applications for those social events falling into one or more of the following categories:

- a. Events sponsored by school staffs or joint staff / parent/guardian groups that are planned to include those parents of students attending the school, other adult residents of the immediate school catchment area, and invited guests.
- b. Events sponsored by Community School Advisory Councils only for residents of the school catchment area and invited guests.
- c. Events sponsored by Board employees other than school staffs for themselves and their guests. (Exempt from Regulations 1 and 4 governing applications.)
- d. Events sponsored by school staffs for themselves and their guests. (Exempt from Regulation 4 governing applications.)

3. Eligibility – Non-Operating Schools (Sites)

The Board will consider applications for those social events falling into the following category.

- a. Events sponsored by organizations who are leasing in a non-operating school (site) only for members of the organization and invited guests. All regulations governing applications apply.

4. Obligations

- a. All conditions and restrictions set out in the B.C. Liquor Control and Licencing Act shall be rigorously enforced.
- b. All relevant provisions of the Fire Services Act shall be rigorously enforced, specifically, those regulations pertaining to lighting, stage settings, decorations, number of persons admitted, seating, obstruction, and smoking.
- c. Even if there are other district staff in attendance, unless specifically authorized otherwise, caretaker shall be on duty throughout the event and for an appropriate period before and after the event.

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Cross References:  
Statutory: BC Liquor Control and Licencing Act, Fire Services Act  
Other: