

POLICY 490: School Closure

The Board of Education for School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) believes that consultation with staff, parents and the public is essential when considering decisions that involve closing schools. Such considerations will be subject to the Administrative Procedures associated with this policy.

Permanent closure means that for a period of more than twelve (12) months the building will not be used to provide educational programs to students, except where the Board intends to reopen the school following renovations or repairs.

Efforts will be made to ensure that all persons in the community who could be affected by a school closure are given an adequate opportunity to comment on the proposal before a final decision is made.

Schools will not be considered for closure if enrolment projections forecast the reopening of the school in the near future.

The final decision regarding closure of a school or schools shall be made before April 30.

Related Legislation: [School Act \[RSBC 1996, Part 6, Division 2, Section 73\(1\)\]](#)

Related Contract Article: Nil

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