

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

## POLICY SERIES 1000 - SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

<b>1003</b>	<b>RELATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL AND THE PUBLIC</b>
<b>1003.2</b>	<b>Incompatible Land Uses Near Schools</b>

The Board of Education (the "Board") recognizes that the school system operates in an urban environment with a necessary mixture of land uses. The Board also recognizes the authority of the Municipality or Regional District and senior levels of government to control the development of property and the regulation of business.

However, the safety and security of students, staff, and school facilities and grounds is a primary responsibility of the board. When changes are proposed to an area that may threaten the safety and security of individuals and property, the Board may choose to intervene with the proper authorities on behalf of the local school community.

Incompatible land uses are those that may result in increased traffic, litter, truancy concerns, changes in pedestrian habits, "attractive nuisances," undesirable clientele, or other potential safety or health hazards. These land uses or proposed changes may include commercial or retail activities, such as neighbourhood pubs or adult theatres, traffic measures, and controversial public or special residential facilities. The Board may consider any initiative causing potential disruptions to the community as an incompatible land use.

Each use that may be deemed incompatible near a school will be weighed in terms of safety considerations and its proximity to a school(s). In general, the Board will restrict its attention to the proposed changes within 1000 feet of an existing school. However, there may be special circumstances when the Board may oppose a change in use beyond that distance from a school.

The Board expects the Municipality or Regional District and other appropriate authorities to enforce by-laws that are designed to minimize conflicts among different neighbourhood uses. To this end, appropriate channels of communication will be established to ensure co-operation between the Board and the Municipality or Regional District. The Board will request enforcement as required in order to ensure the safety, security and peace of mind of persons and facilities associated with a local school.

The Board will seek assurances from the Municipality or Regional District and other appropriate authorities that proper notification (at least 30 days) to comment on proposed changes will be given to the Board, the local school(s), and the parent advisory councils. Consultation and assessment in the early stages of a proposal will help to reduce the need for Board involvement in the decision-making process. It is not the intention of the Board to become involved in routine local government planning and land-use matters.

The policy of the Board with respect to incompatible uses near school will be monitored periodically in order to maintain its effectiveness and viability. The Board will co-operate with the Municipality or Regional District and other agencies to ensure that changing land uses do not compromise the overall well-being of a school community.