



POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
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REVISIONS TO POLICY P 135 CON - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS

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PURPOSE:

To discuss the proposed revisions to Policy P 135 CON - Community Use of Schools.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

1. As part of the scheduled policy review process, staff conducted an assessment to determine whether any existing policies required revision. Policy P 135 CON - Community Use of Schools was last updated on 3 October 2007 and is now considered outdated. A revised version of the policy is proposed, as attached, to better align with current priorities and practices. The updated policy reflects and supports the principles of good governance and responsible resource use, as articulated in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's 2023–2027 Strategic Plan.

CONTEXT:

2. The review of Policy P 135 CON - Community Use of Schools was required as it was out of date, according to the Ministry guidelines for policy review. A review of the policy was conducted by staff to align the policy with current District practices and commitments, to clarify language, and to reflect up-to-date District formatting.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

3. The attached proposed policy reflects revisions, as detailed below:

| Section | Revisions |
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| Rationale | Revised and shortened for clarity. |
| 3.1 | Language expressing the Board's commitment to the concept of community schools. |

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| 4.1 | Language to reflect the District's responsibility for allocating facilities. |
| 4.7 | Clarifying timelines. |
| 4.8 | Adjusted phrasing for clarity. |
| 4.9, 4.10 | Language to reflect District and provincial prohibitions on substances. |
| Throughout the policy | Clauses were removed which no longer reflect District practice. Adjusted phrasing for clarity. |

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

4. There are no resource implications for the proposed revisions to the policy.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

5. Consultation with the school community on the District's EngageOCDSB platform to begin 15 May 2025 and end 9 June 2025. Feedback will be assessed and implemented into the policy, where necessary.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

6. As there are only minor changes to the updated policy that involve definitions and formatting, there are no guiding questions to consider at this time.

FOR DISCUSSION

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Revised Policy P 135 CON - Community Use of Schools

Appendix B - Standing Policy P 135 CON - Community Use of Schools