## EDUCATIONAL UPGRADING SUPPORT FOR SUPPORT STAFF

## **Background**

The Division believes that it is important to support all staff in pursuing additional education that will enhance their ability to fulfill their current role.

## **Procedures**

The Division will:

- 1. Provide assistance to partially cover expenses incurred by support staff for course work at a post-secondary level.
  - 1.1 There must be prior approval from the Supervisor and the Superintendent (Form 415-1 / 420-1).
  - 1.2 The Board will reimburse receipted expenses according to the following conditions:
    - 1.2.1 Support staff who are employed and actively working in the Division on September 1 may submit receipts for courses taken during the previous school year.
    - 1.2.2 Expenses will be reimbursed up to \$500 per course to a maximum of \$1,500 per year. Reimbursement will be done on a first-come, first-served basis up to the total amount allocated by the Board on a yearly basis. An approved application does not guarantee reimbursement as funds are limited.
    - 1.2.3 Assistance (if approved and if reimbursement application is received before the distribution of funds has been depleted) will be provided for a maximum of two consecutive years.
    - 1.2.4 If your employment is no longer active due to any reason, reimbursement will not continue.
- 2. Those interested in applying for support for receipted expenses are to apply to the Superintendent by submitting photocopies of receipts and courses completed with an application for reimbursement (Form 415-2 / 420-2).

Reference: Section 52, 222 Education Act

Forms: Educational Upgrading Approval Application (415-1 / 420-1)

Educational Upgrading Support Reimbursement (415-2 / 420-2)