

## RATIONALE:

The Board of Education recognizes that many students attend rural schools that only offer K-10 educational opportunities, or students who are seeking specialized program/training in an alternate community within School District No. 27. For these students in grades 10-12 who must relocate, a boarding allowance will be available to support their housing.

## ACCESS TO BOARDING ALLOWANCE:

1. Boarding allowance will be available to the parents/caregivers of students living in the communities that attend the following rural schools:
  - a. Anahim Lake
  - b. Naghtaneqed
  - c. Dog Creek
  - d. Tatla Lake
  - e. Alexis Cr
  - f. Likely
2. Boarding allowance will be available to the parents/caregivers of students living in the community of Horsefly whose permanent residence is greater than 15 km, one way, past the secondary school bus stop daily service.
3. A boarding allowance may be available to the parents or caregivers of students who seek a specialized program or training in an alternate community within School District No. 27.

## PROCESS:

1. Parents or guardians requesting a boarding allowance must apply to the Superintendent or designate ([education@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:education@sd27.bc.ca)) annually, coinciding with the school year.
2. Once approved by the Superintendent or designate, monthly boarding allowance payments will be made to the parent/caregiver, commencing at the beginning of the month in which the application is made.
3. Students who move from family and community to attend school in a different city will tend to have a higher degree of vulnerability. Schools are expected to:
  - 3.1. Take time to get to know the youth and develop mutual understanding and respect.
  - 3.2. Introduce the youth to the culture of the school.
  - 3.3. Integrate the youth's views in planning and decision-making according to their abilities.
  - 3.4. Establish an ongoing communication plan with the parents(s) and caregiver(s).
  - 3.5. Ensure that student attendance is closely monitored.

- 3.5.1. Schools will enter all boarding allowance students into “Boarding Allowance” under the programs tab in MyEd.
  - 3.5.2. For students who are represented with an LEA, attendance is tracked and reported as required.
  - 3.5.3. For all students who have absences that exceed an LEA or school attendance practices the principal will call a School Based Team meeting to identify additional support(s) needed to improve attendance.
  - 3.5.4. Once all avenues of support are exhausted the school principal will report to the Superintendent or designate on what has been identified and implemented.
4. The amount of boarding allowance to be paid will be at a rate determined by the Secretary-Treasurer. This rate will be reviewed periodically and is currently set at \$500.00 per month.
5. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designate, students whose absences are chronic, as described in 3.5.3, the Board may reduce or cease to provide Boarding Allowance. The Superintendent or designate will contact the parents to inform them of any reduction in the Boarding Allowance.