

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 (*Bulkley Valley*)

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS MANAGEMENT

6.700

POLICY

The Board of Education is accountable for ensuring the district is protected financially in order to maintain appropriate educational programs. The Board will establish district-guiding principles with which to oversee school district budgets, finances and risk management. These objectives will include the planning, monitoring and reporting of accumulated operating surplus reserves. By reaching a clear understanding of its operating surplus reserves, and by continually measuring progress towards achieving financial goals, the school district will be in a better position to maintain fiscal stability in order to support educational programs.

VALUES

In its consideration of this policy, the Board of Education was guided by its **responsibility** to ensure the long-term financial stability of the School District in order to better support educational goals and students.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Appropriate surplus levels should be maintained in order to achieve strategic educational goals and maintaining the financial health and stability of the school district. Surplus allocations should also provide financial protection from extraordinary circumstances which would negatively impact school district operations and the education of students.
2. Surplus goals should be coordinated with the Strategic Plan and the District Financial Planning and Reporting Policy 6.650.
3. Surplus goals need to be consistent with and supportive of realistic longer-term financial and capital plans.
4. The Board shall consider internally restricted surplus, unrestricted operating surplus, local capital reserve, surplus transfers and accounting for district deficits.
5. The Board will be responsible for approving accumulated surplus planning, restrictions and appropriations.

Reference

Administrative Policy 6.700-1 – Accumulated Surplus
Policy 6.650 - District Financial Planning & Reporting
Administrative Procedure 6.650-1 - Financial Planning and & Reporting

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