Policy

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FACILITIES Policy 704
(previously Policy 904)

School Closure and/or Consolidation

The Board recognizes that declining and shifting student populations may necessitate
the consolidation and/or closure of schools. The Board also recognizes and understands
that permanent school closure decisions have the potential to affect and impact many
stakeholders in the community, and that these stakeholders must be afforded a
meaningful opportunity to provide input prior to any decision being made by the Board.

It is the policy of the Board to bear in mind the possible impact on other Board policies,
such as its attendance area policies and its policies pertaining to personnel assignment.
It is the declared intent of the Board to make its policies and regulations on school
closure clear to all concerned, to provide ample lead time before closing any school, and
to support a process that provides an opportunity for those who will be affected to be
involved before any decision is made.

The Board has approved regulations for implementing school closures. These are an
integral part of the Board's policy, and may not be changed except by Board action.
(See Board Regulation 704-R (formerly 904-R).