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Memorandum

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To: Education and Student Services Committee
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Info Item: Academies offered in the Central Okanagan Public Schools

1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

Policy 540 - Proposals For Substantive Change (Distinct Schools, Unique Programs And Specialty Academies)

The Board of Education is committed to serving the diverse educational needs of students while focusing on student achievement. The Board may, within the parameters of provincially prescribed and/or locally developed curriculum, support school, parent and/or community-initiated educational programs, or Proposals for Substantive Change which provide a particular educational emphasis and/or philosophy. Depending on the actual program established, there may or may not be a charge associated with provision of the program; however, the District's financial hardship policy (Policy 425 and 425R: Student Fees) will apply. Should schools want to establish a distinct school, unique program or specialty academy, the Superintendent must first be consulted and then a proposal for substantive change must be approved by the Parent Advisory Council and submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. In order to be considered for implementation at the beginning of September, the Board must receive the proposal by no later than the last day of February.

Specialty Academy - An educational program, at the middle and secondary level, that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area, and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations (BC Ministry of Education Specialty Academy Criteria Regulation 219/08 dated September 30, 2016). Fees may be charged with respect to the direct costs incurred in providing the specialty academy which are above the costs of a standard educational program.

2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the Central Okanagan Public Schools, the following academies are currently being offered in the middle and secondary schools:

Secondary School Name	Academy Name 2019-2020	Total Enrollment
Middle Schools		
Canyon Falls	Hockey Skills Academy	21
CNB	Outdoor Education	110
DRK	Golf Academy 9	28
DRK	Soccer Academy 9	27
KLO	Hockey Academy	29
GMS	Hockey Academy	41
SMS	Outdoor Education Academy	39
Secondary Schools		
KSS	Academy of Indigenous Studies	26
RSS	Academy of Indigenous Studies 10-12	40
RSS	Pre Lifeguard Academy	27
RSS	Soccer Academy	53
RSS	Baseball	20
RSS	Hockey	27
OKM	Golf Academy	30
OKM	Hockey Canada Skills Academy	22
OKM	Hockey Academy - Advanced Skills	44
OKM	Hockey Academy 8-9	49
OKM	Soccer Academy	55
OKM	Swim Academy	30
MBSS	Academy of Indigenous Studies 9-12	143
MBSS	Baseball Academy	30
MBSS	Golf Academy	27
MBSS	Soccer Academy	52
MBSS	Hockey Academy	25
MBSS	Fire Academy	16
MBSS	Outdoor Education Academy 9	119
GESS	Hockey Academy 9-12	20

3.0 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

With the intent to graduate each student with dignity, purpose, and options, the Board of Education's approved academies provides more opportunity for students to explore their interests, skills and passions while attending school.