

## Policy 22

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### **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) recognizes, invites and supports the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between the Board, schools and the community. This includes private businesses, individuals, local governments and non-government organizations (NGO) that are consistent with the Board's policies, regulations, values and student wellness.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Partnership" is an ongoing formal arrangement, agreement and/or relationship between SD79 and a private business, individual, local government or non-government organization, with clearly defined educational goals and objectives.

"Large Project" partnership projects with a budget of \$100,000 or greater.

"Student Wellness" means the promotion of students' optimal well-being and conditions to achieve academic success.

"Acknowledgement" is the identification of participating partners.

#### **PREAMBLE:**

The Board of Education recognizes that commitment, cooperation and partnerships with the community are major factors in providing the best possible educational opportunities for students.

This policy sets out basic guidelines for the establishment of business and community partnerships in the school district.

#### **REGULATIONS:**

1. Business and community partnerships must enhance learning opportunities.
2. Business and community partnerships must ensure that student wellness is prioritized.
3. Recognition of all forms of partnership between the community, schools and/or the District shall be acknowledged in a fair and equitable manner.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:**

1. All potential business and community partnerships will be communicated with the Superintendent prior to commitment.
2. District staff will ensure that the District Policy and Regulations are followed.

3. All large business and community partnerships projects will be brought before the Board for approval.
4. The Superintendent will ensure any partnership activity complies with all legal and legislated/Ministerial orders.
5. The District may, as agreed to in a business and community partnership agreement, publicly acknowledge the direct and/or indirect contributions of public, businesses, individuals, local governments and non-government organizations towards the District's educational programs.
6. All business and community partnership agreements will be signed by both the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Legal References: *School Act*, Section 85, Regulations and Ministerial Orders  
*Income Tax Act* and Regulations

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