



## **COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

### **1.0 Rationale**

The Board endorses the creative use of leisure time for educational, cultural and recreational activities within its schools;

School buildings are the property of the taxpayers of the community and District School Board Ontario North East and are there to be used to their maximum by the students and the community at large.

### **2.0 Definitions**

### **3.0 Policy**

It is the policy of District School Board Ontario North East to encourage the use of its facilities by the community in keeping with the Ministry of Education's Community Use of Schools Program Principles, as follows:

- a) School day, extra-curricular, and parent involvement activities organized or administered by the School or School Board have priority use of school space during and after regular school hours.
- b) Schools are the hubs of their communities and offer an effective use of taxpayers investment in providing citizens with a place to come together and build strong, healthy communities.
- c) The Community Use of Schools Program supports a positive climate for and promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community youth.
- d) Fair and equal access to affordable rates by parent groups, community organizations and other citizens during non-school hours.
- e) Respect for roles and responsibilities of program stakeholder partners.
- f) Not-for-profit organizations to be charged affordable rates where feasible.