
Purpose/Background

Resource Development encompasses a broad range of fund raising or resource acquisition activities. While the Division realizes its obligation to provide funding to meet the basic costs of the educational program, it recognizes that school support groups periodically may want to enhance the program by developing other resources. New Resource Development initiatives are meant to supplement – not replace – the basic funds provided by the Division.

Definition

Resource Development refers to any School/School Council sanctioned activity that results in benefits to the material wealth of the school derived from labour, time, money or in-kind effort.

Procedures

1. A Resource Development proposal may be supported by the Division if it satisfies all of the following criteria:
 - 1.1 Has the potential to enhance the quality of the education for students;
 - 1.2 Treats fairly all those served by the Resource Development program;
 - 1.3 acknowledges and celebrates each partner's contribution through appropriate forms of recognition;
 - 1.4 Supports the Division's vision, mission and beliefs statements;
 - 1.5 Defines expectations for all parties clearly;
 - 1.6 Allocates resources to complement public funding for education; and
 - 1.7 Provides measures that may be monitored and assessed for indications of educational improvement.
2. The Division reserves the right to cancel any contract or Resource Development initiatives that it deems is not in the best interest of the Division; this right is to be codified as a standard clause in all written contracts.
3. Although the Division encourages school Resource Development projects and is reluctant to direct local initiatives, the Division, consistent with Alberta Education policy, reserves the right to review major Resource Development initiatives which may threaten the principle of resource distribution equity.

Reference:

- School Act Sections 20, 22, 27, 60, 61, 113, and 116
- Charitable Fund-Raising Act
- Gaming and Liquor Act
- Income Tax Act
- Public Contributions Act