

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Community Planning and Partnerships</b>		
<b>Date of Issue</b>	May 18, 2010	<b>Related Procedure</b>	<a href="#">AP 2360-D</a>
<b>Revision Dates</b>	February 21, 2012 (rev. Rationale-Strategic Plan); September 22, 2015; April 19, 2022 (reviewed)	<b>Related Forms</b>	AF 2360
<b>Review Date</b>	April 1, 2027	<b>Originator</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>References</b>			
Education Act; Ontario Regulation 444/98; Ministry Memorandum 2015:B09; BP 3101-D “Accommodation Review – School Program and Facility Efficiency”			

**1.0 RATIONALE**

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board’s Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Within the framework of its primary responsibility to support the achievement and safety of students, Bluewater District School Board recognizes that facility partnerships can
  - i. reduce facility operating costs for school boards and governments;
  - ii. improve services and supports available to students;
  - iii. strengthen relationships between school boards, community partners and the public;
  - iv. maximize the use of public infrastructure through increased flexibility and utilization;
  - v. and provide a foundation for improved service delivery for communities.

**2.0 DEFINITION**

Community partnerships are mutually beneficial relationships developed between Bluewater District School Board and individuals, agencies, community groups, business, industry, and government to share unused space in/on board owned facilities/property.

**3.0 POLICY**

**It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board to support, facilitate, and encourage the development of mutually beneficial community planning and partnerships with entities whose visions are congruent with that of supporting the achievement and safety of students.**

**4.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS**

- 1. Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) employees, their immediate families, school council members, and trustees shall not benefit materially, financially, or personally from community planning and partnerships.
- 2. Community planning and partnerships shall be implemented by following administrative procedure AP 2360-D “Community Planning and Partnerships”.

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3. Community planning and partnerships are an integral part of the board's accommodation review process. Discussions between BWDSB and affected municipalities and/or community organizations regarding partnerships will inform proposals that board staff may present to the Board of Trustees, including recommendations to undertake an accommodation review process (see administrative procedure AP 2360-D "Community Planning and Partnerships" and board policy BP 3101-D "Accommodation Review – School Program and Facility Efficiency).
  4. Bluewater District School Board will follow Ministry Memorandum 2015:B09, Ontario Regulation 444/98 and the Education Act, where applicable, in the community planning and partnership process.