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| FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT | 9000 |
| FACILITY PARTNERSHIP POLICY | 9015 |

1. Rationale

Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) primary responsibility is to support the achievement, well-being and safety of our students. Lakehead District School Board recognizes that cooperative and collaborative relationships between school boards and community organizations are part of the foundation of a strong, vibrant and sustainable publicly funded education system. Offering space in schools to partners can strengthen the role of schools in communities, provide a place for programs and facilitate the coordination of, and improve access to, services for students, and the wider community.

2. Policy

It is the policy of LDSB to share information and work with community partners to the benefit of LDSB, students and the community, and to optimize the use of public assets owned by LDSB. Lakehead District School Board will seek opportunities to share facilities with community partners when building new schools and undertaking significant renovations, and when considering the use of unoccupied space in schools. Lakehead District School Board will commit to making decisions regarding facility partnerships in a way that is transparent, well-informed, well-coordinated, sustainable and supportive of student achievement, well-being and safety.

3. Applicability

- 3.1 Where unused space is declared surplus, LDSB will follow the circulation process outlined in Ontario Regulation 444/98.
- 3.2 Where the unused space in open and operating schools is not surplus, but is available for partnership, or where the partnership opportunity involves new construction, the information will be provided to potential partners through the notification process outlined in the 9015 Facility Partnership Procedures.

