

COLONY SCHOOL SUPPORT

Turtle Mountain School Division continues to support Colony schools. Due to the absence of Provincial guidelines, it is incumbent on the Division to establish policy in this area.

The Turtle Mountain School Division and Colonies are responsible for providing a quality education.

The Division will support Colony Schools in a manner consistent with Division policy and in a fair and equitable manner. Given the above, the following principles will guide Colony School support.

1. The Division is responsible for providing education services. The Colony is responsible for construction and maintenance of the school building.
2. The Division will provide staffing as per policy.
3. If the student count is less than 15 students, the Colony and Turtle Mountain School Division will enter into an agreement to cost share the salary of staff on a pro-rated basis. If enrolment drops below 15 students the Colony will be expected to pay 1/15 of the average teacher salary for every student below 15 students.

If the Colony and the Division are unable to conclude a mutually acceptable agreement, the Board may reduce staff and use alternative methods of instructional delivery.

4. Colonies wishing to establish new public schools are required to enter into discussion with the Division at least one full school year prior to the intended opening of a new school.