

COMBINING SCHOOLS

The School Board recognizes as the ideal situation the appointment of a full-time non-teaching principal at each school under its jurisdiction.

The Board recognizes that in certain schools the best interests of the students will be served if the principal assumes a teaching role.

In exceptional circumstances, the Board may combine two or more schools under the leadership of one non-teaching principal.

Circumstances will be considered exceptional when it can be demonstrated that the following will result:

- More efficient staffing;
- Better use of resources and equipment;
- Better use of administrative time; and
- Safety.

The situation will also be considered exceptional if the establishment of a combined unit is seen as a step toward consolidation or as a positive alternative to closing the school.

Two or more schools housed in buildings located on two or more sites and under the direction of one principal will be known as a combined unit of school administration.

Recommendations of establishing combined units will be brought to the Board by the administration when it can be demonstrated that exceptional circumstances make it clearly to the advantage of the ~~children~~ **students** to combine one school with another.

The Board will approve the establishment of a Combined Unit of School Administration only after schools and local communities have been consulted and their input considered.

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