TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY

A. All transfers of property must conform to Michigan law as specified in Sections 380.951 through 380.976 of the School Code of 1976.

B. The Board of Education will consider first and foremost the welfare of the children involved in any request to transfer property.

C. If the property under consideration is located in a school district involved in desegregation litigation, the Board of Education shall deny the transfer of property without prejudice, unless the petitioners seeking the transfer secure a stipulation signed by the plaintiffs to the desegregation litigation and the court stating that the parties will make no claim in the litigation that the granting of the transfer is an act of de jure segregation, in which case the Board of Education may grant the transfer.

D. Items for consideration.

1. The number of children involved; their grades and ages.

2. The distance from the children's residence to the schools and the availability of transportation.

3. The safety of the children walking to bus stops or schools, streets to be crossed, etc.

4. Consideration of natural barriers such as lakes, rivers and swamps.

5. Certified health conditions of students with special needs.

6. Unique transportation problems.

7. The improvement of administrative procedure; such as, boundary lines, transportation and economic factors.
8. Development potential for housing and commercial reasons.

9. Shopping, banking and other business or personal reasons.

10. The compactness and logicalness of the area.

11. The position and/or recommendation of the Board of Education of either or both districts involved in the transfer.

12. Effect on the financial stability of the districts and space problems.

13. Population potential of the area.

14. Property transfer initiation - property owner or a local board of education.

15. Availability of Schools of Choice

16. *This list of items is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of factors, which may be presented either in favor of, or opposing, a proposed transfer. It is presented as an example of some points commonly cited. The Board of Education will weigh all evidence presented before making a decision.*


POLICY

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