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POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to provide an effective framework for the investment and management of Algoma District School Board surplus cash balances that ensures the security of the principal amount and optimizes investment returns while conforming to the Education Act. This includes the investment of temporary surplus cash balances for short-term periods of time. Furthermore, the administration of engaging in such activity shall be minimal and only where practical and possible.

INVESTMENT GOALS

The investment goals of ADSB shall, in order of priority, be as follows:

- to minimize the risk associated with investments by ensuring that the Board is compliant with the Education Act Regulation for Eligible Investments, while maintaining sufficient cash liquidity to meet disbursements and other obligations;
- to achieve a competitive rate of return on any temporary surplus cash balances; and
- to minimize administration costs where practical and possible.

ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS

The Board shall invest funds that are temporarily surplus to its operating requirements and any reserve funds in only those securities that are expressly permitted under Section 241 of the Education Act:

1. Under section 241 of the Education act, the Board does not have the power to invest in a security other than a security prescribed under Ontario Regulation 41/10, Part IV s.8-12;

2. The Board shall not invest in a security that is expressed or payable in any currency other than Canadian dollars. O.Reg. 41/10, s. 11(1).

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Superintendent of Business & Operations, and/or the Manager of Finance will be responsible for making the following determinations:

- the amount available to be invested;
- the length of time for investment;
- the financial institution with whom to invest; and
- the compliance of investments with Board policy and the Education Act.

DEFINITIONS

Surplus Cash Balances – the amount of funds held within centrally managed accounts that exceeds the cash required for day-to-day board operations. This does not apply to fund balances held by schools.