

Attention Parents/Guardians of Students attending an off-reserve school from JK - Grade 8 (2020/21)

We understand and respect that some parents have chosen to send their child/ren to an off-reserve school for various reasons. Wasauksing has committed to those parents as much financial support as available, by continuing to offer the Parental Choice option to support tuition fees.

If you reside in Wasauksing and you have enrolled your child/ren in an off-reserve school (JK – Grade 8, i.e. Parry Sound Public/Intermediate School), it is important for you to contact the Education Department to advise Wasauksing First Nation if you will be accessing the Parental Choice option to offset some of the tuition costs for your child/ren to attend a different school.

Parental Choice is an option for those parents who choose to send their child/ren to an off-reserve school from JK - Grade 8. Parents must confirm with Wasauksing that they are utilizing this option no later than September 28, 2020 so funding is available. Wasauksing will include the student on the list that is provided to the Near North District School Board (NND SB) to confirm which students Wasauksing will commit to paying for (in part), as a Parental Choice student.

Due to funding limitations, Wasauksing First Nation cannot provide any more than \$5,452./student towards tuition, as this is the allocation that we receive for each elementary student that we include in our enrolment count. In addition, parents/guardians MUST inform Wasauksing that they wish to access Parental Choice, no later than September 28, to be eligible for this support.

Based on estimated 2020-2021 tuition rates (subject to change), parents who choose Parental Choice, and send a student living on-reserve to an off-reserve school from JK-Grade 8, are responsible to pay the balance of tuition in the amount of **\$7,146.01* per student (*approx., based on this year's estimate).** **Please note that if the final tuition amount rises this year, the remaining balance would also increase.**

Tuition rate for elementary students who attend NND SB schools*	\$12, 598.01*
Amt that Wasauksing would receive per student (maximum contribution)	-\$ 5, 452.
Balance that parents would be responsible to pay for the school year	\$ 7, 146.01*
<i>(*approximate calculations – per student, based on last year's rates)</i>	

If parents exercise the Parental Choice option, transportation will not be provided, as we are limiting the students on the school bus due to COVID-19. To notify us if you wish to access tuition assistance via Parental Choice, please contact Catherine Pawis at (705) 746-2531 ex. 2258, or principal@wasauksing.ca

Some parents may have other arrangements and therefore do not require Parental Choice support for tuition. However, it should be noted that this limits other education supports you may require, as these students are not included in our funding. We would appreciate those parents contacting us as well, so we are aware of future educational needs.

Students attending JK-Grade 8 at Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik are not affected by this; tuition is fully covered.