

Public Board Meeting

January 15, 2025 Decision Memo Item #12

From: Gabriel Liosis, Trustee

Topic: Trustee Motion: Supporting Families with Equal Parenting Custodial

Arrangements in MyEd BC

BACKGROUND

MyEd BC is a provincially mandated platform for student information management used by all school districts in British Columbia. Currently, the system allows for only a single primary physical address to be recorded for each student, even in cases where court orders recognize equal parenting arrangements or students reside in multiple homes.

The current restriction inadvertently places school staff in a difficult position when trying to diligently comply with custodial agreements and court orders. It also fails to accurately reflect the living situations of many students, limiting the system's ability to support the diverse family circumstances present in our communities.

Notably, the underlying Aspen platform—used in other jurisdictions—allows for multiple primary addresses to be recorded. Adjusting MyEd BC's provincial configuration to include this feature would better align with the need to stay neutral in custodial disputes, ensuring schools can equitably serve all students and their families.

This resolution seeks to address this gap by advocating for a necessary update to MyEd BC, enabling it to represent multiple primary physical addresses for students where applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to allow MyEd BC to represent multiple primary physical addresses for students to better reflect diverse family circumstances and support schools in staying neutral in matters of custodial arrangements."