

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SUBJECT:

DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF BOARD
POLICIES

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is responsible to its students, parents, staff, and community for the achievement of its mission. The Board shall establish specific policies to guide the actions of the Director and his/her staff in the achievement of this mission, and to inform parents, students, and staff of our operating policies and procedures. This Policy is intended to provide a framework for the effective development, review, and approval of Board Policies.

PROCEDURE:

1. The development and review of all policies shall be initiated by the Board or the Director Education.
2. The Director of Education may delegate the development or revision of Policy and Procedures to appropriate members of Executive Council and staff.
3. The establishment of new Policies and Procedures as well as the cyclical review of existing Policies and Procedures will adhere to the following process:
 - The Draft Policy will be reviewed by Executive Council for input.
 - Once approved by the Director of Education, the Draft Policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees for input and information.
 - Following presentation to the Board of Trustees, the Draft Policy will be posted on the Board's web-site for public review, and may be distributed to various stakeholder groups for vetting.
 - Once the vetting and consultation process has been completed, the final Draft Policy will then be presented to Executive Council for review.
 - Once approved by the Director of Education, the final Draft Policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration of approval.
 - Upon approval, the Director of Education, or his/her designate, will distribute and communicate the Policy to the system.

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4. A Draft Policy may be vetted with any or all of the following groups:
 - Trustees
 - Superintendents
 - Coordinators
 - Employee groups
 - Special Education Advisory Committee
 - Board Chaplain
 - Board Solicitor
 - Director of Education
 - Principals and Vice-Principals
 - Managers
 - Catholic School Advisory Councils
 - Bishop
 - Huron-Perth Deanery
 - Other

5. The policies of the Board are to be reviewed on a five-year cycle unless otherwise directed by the Director of Education or the Board of Trustees.

6. The review or development of Policy is to be guided by the following criteria:
 - The Policy facilitates the achievement of the Boards mission as a Catholic School Board.
 - The Policy contributes to Board's strong and positive Catholic educational presence in the counties of Huron and Perth and in the province of Ontario.
 - The Policy is within the scope of the Board's authority as granted by provincial and federal statute.
 - The Policy is consistent with and complementary to Catholic teachings.
 - The Policy is direct and specific and is free from arbitrariness and vagueness.
 - The Policy is directly related to a clear and legitimate purpose.
 - The Policy is consistent with the Board's Equity and Inclusive Education Policy 3A:21.
 - The Policy is consistent with the Board's Accessibility Standards Policy 3A:22.
 - The Policy is appropriate, fair, and wise for the needs of today and tomorrow.

BOARD APPROVAL:

March 28, 2011

EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 29, 2011