

**Policy: CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS
AND THE CATHOLIC PARENT
INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Effective: October 19, 2011

Policy Statement:

The Superior North Catholic District School Board recognizes that Catholic Education is a responsibility shared by the schools, the students, their families, the Church, and the community. Good schools are even better when parents are involved and engaged. It is the policy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board that each school within its jurisdiction maintains a school council in accordance with the terms set out by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the procedures and guidelines set out by the Board in the Administrative Regulations.

Catholic School Councils:

Parents play a vital role in the development and education of their children and in the success of schools. Research clearly shows that good schools become better schools when there is a strong connection with parents as part of the learning community. The positive results of a genuine partnership between parents and schools include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, and better behaviour.

Catholic School Councils have a unique role to play in bringing parents, the school, and the parish together in partnership. As parents and community members themselves, Catholic School Councils provide an important bridge between school staff, parents, Home and School Associations, and other parent groups that may be active within the school community.

The Catholic School Council will support and sustain communication by:

- ◆ informing all key stakeholders
- ◆ soliciting stakeholder input on key issues
- ◆ developing partnerships with each sector
- ◆ raising the profile of the Catholic school system in the community
- ◆ developing councils that are representative of each unique school community

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee:

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee is a formal structure and an important advisory body. It, along with the Catholic School Councils, encourages the grassroots support of parents at the local and community, to enhance support at the board level.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cross Reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP200/AR200 Electronic Meetings • GP201/AR201 Travel Expenses • GP205/AR205 Board Member (Trustee) Honoraria & Expenses • EL405/AR405 School Fundraising 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Draft Approved</u> June 22, 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Final Approved</u> October 19, 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board Motion</u> #88/11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Review Prior To</u> May, 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Legal/Ministry Reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation 612/00 of the Education Act • Ontario Regulation 330.10 (Sept. 1/10) • Ministry of Education PPM 122 • Parents In Partnership ... A Parent Engagement Policy For Ontario Schools, 2010
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