



# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS

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### POLICY STATEMENT

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to working with home, school, and parish partners to enhance our Catholic school communities. The NCDSB believes that Catholic School Councils play a vital role in Catholic education and provide a critical perspective on educational issues that impact student achievement and school culture and community.

### REFERENCES

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*Education Act*: Ontario Regulation 612/00 and Regulation 298

School Councils – A Guide for Members, 2002

NCDSB Policy

P-16 Resolution of Complaints

B-16 School Generated Funds

NCDSB Administrative Procedure

APP016 Resolution of Complaints

APB016 School Generated Funds

### DEFINITIONS

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#### **Catholic School Council**

An advisory committee comprised of elected and appointed representatives of the local school community established for the purposes of developing, encouraging and promoting activities which will enhance the quality of school programs and improve the levels of student achievement.

### POLICY REGULATIONS

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#### **1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1.1 Every school will have a Catholic School Council, in accordance with the regulating provisions set forth in the *Education Act*.
- 1.2 Catholic School Councils will serve as advisory bodies and may make recommendations to principals or the school board on any matters.
- 1.3 Catholic School Councils will complete reports as required or requested.
- 1.4 Ministry guidelines will be reviewed and used by members of a Catholic School Council for all matters relating to its operations and fulfillment of its mandate.

## **2.0 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

- 2.1 Catholic School Council members who attend conferences or training sessions as a representative of the NCDSB, will be eligible for reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the respective policies and procedures of the Board.
- 2.2 The Catholic School Council will receive an annual financial allotment, determined during the annual budgeting exercise, to support its work within a school of the NCDSB, providing the allocation is funded by the Ministry of Education.
- 2.3 Members will not be paid for their work on a Catholic School Council.
- 2.4 Fundraising activities may be conducted by a Catholic School Council in accordance with NCDSB policies and procedures.

## **3.0 CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- 3.1 Conflicts which occur between members of a Catholic School Council will be resolved in accordance with the NCDSB policy and procedures for resolution of complaints.
- 3.2 Informal methods of dispute resolution should be employed to resolve differences amicably.