



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

TRUSTEE SUPPORT SERVICES

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) affirms the vital role of Trustees as elected officials responsible for Catholic education. To support Trustees in fulfilling their governance responsibilities, the NCDSB provides access to professional learning, resources, and tools that strengthen accountability, foster effective decision-making, and ensure alignment with the NCDSB's mission, vision, and organizational values. Trustees will have the supports necessary to carry out their governance mandate in a manner that is effective, transparent, and aligned with the expectations of publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.

REFERENCES

Education Act

Part VI – Boards Section 191.2 Travel Expenses

Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010

NCDSB Policy

B-7 Trustee Honorarium

NCDSB Administrative Procedure

APT014 Trustee Support Services

DEFINITIONS

Governance

The role of the Board of Trustees in setting direction, establishing policy, and ensuring accountability for the school system. It is distinct from the day-to-day management of schools or the system, which is the responsibility of the Director of Education and staff.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 Trustee supports will reflect and promote the Board's mission, vision, and organization values.
- 2.0 Trustee supports will be provided in ways that enhance Trustees' ability to exercise their governance role in a manner that is effective, transparent, and aligned with the expectations of publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario.
- 3.0 Supports will be offered on a cost-effective basis, consistent with provincial legislation and Board policy.
- 4.0 Trustee use of supports and related expenditures will be reported and made available in accordance with legislative and Board requirements.

- 5.0 All Trustees will have equitable access to the professional learning opportunities, resources, and tools required to fulfill their role.
- 6.0 Administrative procedures will provide further direction regarding implementation of this policy, including processes for conference participation, expense reimbursement, and access to information technology and communication tools.