Northeastern Catholic District School Board

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS	
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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) values the important role of Catholic School Councils in strengthening partnerships among families, schools, parishes, and the broader community. Catholic School Councils provide advice and perspectives that support student achievement, well-being, Catholic identity, and positive school communities. The Board is committed to fostering meaningful family engagement through consistent practices that promote collaboration, transparency, accountability, and shared responsibility.

REFERENCES

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
- APE028 Catholic School Councils
- APP016 Resolution of Complaints
- APB016 School Generated Funds

DEFINITIONS

Catholic School Council
An advisory body established in accordance with the *Education Act* and Ontario Regulation 612/00 that brings together parents, school staff, parish representatives, community members, and, where applicable, students to provide advice and support initiatives that enhance student achievement, well-being, Catholic identity, family engagement, and the overall effectiveness of the school community.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1.0 The Board shall establish and support a Catholic School Council at each school in accordance with the *Education Act* and applicable regulations.

2.0 Catholic School Councils shall serve as advisory bodies that provide recommendations or consultation to the Principal or the Board on matters that support student achievement, well-being, Catholic identity, and school improvement.

3.0 Catholic School Councils shall provide advice, reports, and information to the Board as required and shall support open and effective communication with the school community.

4.0 Catholic School Councils shall conduct their responsibilities with integrity, transparency, accountability, and respect, consistent with Board policy, administrative procedures, and applicable legislation.

5.0 Catholic School Councils shall ensure that public and school resources are managed responsibly and in accordance with Board policies and administrative procedures.

6.0 Administrative procedures will be reviewed and updated as required to support the consistent establishment, operation, and effective functioning of Catholic School Councils.