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RELATIONS WITH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Portage la Prairie School Division supports the establishment of advisory councils within its schools in accordance with Manitoba Regulation 54/96 – *Advisory Councils for School Leadership* – and the *Guidelines* issued by Manitoba Education, which govern the formation and role of advisory councils within schools.

The Board recognizes that involving citizens in meaningful ways provides students, parents, schools, and the community with a variety of significant benefits including:

- a more common knowledge of the goals and objectives of education;
- participatory decision making by the stakeholders;
- improved academic performance;
- improved student attitudes and behavior;
- improved working environments for educators.

Under the *Public Schools Act* the Board of Trustees has ultimate responsibility for policy development and for the total operation of the School Division, including instructional activities in schools. The Board delegates this responsibility, through personnel it employs. Councils are advisory and supportive to these processes, and work with the Principal, in ways consistent with School Division policy. (PSA 58.6)