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RELATIONS WITH POLITICAL ENTITIES

Preamble

The Board believes that society is enhanced when all citizens are engaged with the democratic governance processes, in such activities as consultations, presentations, hearings, and elections, at the local, municipal, school board, provincial, or federal levels. The future of society is dependent upon students being involved, rather than isolated from, informal and organized politics.

During Non-Election Periods

The Board further believes that it is positive for students to know and to be exposed to elected representatives and government processes at all levels. Accordingly, elected divisional MLA's and MP's, as well as local government Division area officials, may be invited as guests to school functions such as graduations, openings, or concerts, as representatives of their government or organization, or to a specific class situation where the role of government is the topic, and where their comments are appropriate to current curriculum study.

During an Election Campaign

For the purpose of this policy, provincial and federal government campaigns shall be defined as the official campaign period. For local municipal, school board, or other governments, the campaign periods shall begin when nominations cease.

During an election campaign, the following shall apply:

- Candidates shall not use their position or influence for personal or political gain.
- Division and school resources are not to be used for individual campaigns. This includes work time, property, supplies, or anything that may be construed as Division resources.
- Schools, as community buildings, may be used for recognized political activities such as debates and forums, during non-teaching hours.
- No political advertising is permitted on school property or in school premises, with the exception of material referring to the meetings.
- Representatives from recognized political parties are permitted to meet with High School students, provided all recognized political parties are informed that they also have the opportunity.

In all cases outlined, the Principal's approval is necessary. The Superintendent's Department will be advised.

See also: GBB, GBC
[PSA 48.1(1)-(4)]