

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 1 <i>Governance</i>
ADVOCACY	1.65

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board advocates for public education that enhances the wellbeing and achievement of all students.

RATIONALE

All partners must engage in open, ongoing, and respectful communications between school boards, education partners, professional associations, and all levels of government through established mechanisms and channels.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per the guidelines.

GUIDELINES

- 1.1 Trustees act as education advocates by bringing forward the voices of communities at the local level and with the provincial government.
- 1.2 The Board will not advocate through inappropriate channels and mechanisms, including but not limited to:
 - placing content for a particular position with report cards and annual reports.
 - using students as vehicles for advocacy.
 - using Board funds and/or resources to support specific candidates and/or political parties.
- 1.3 A trustee who is given corporate authority to act on behalf of the Board by means of written policy or resolution may carry out specific duties. In such cases, the actions of the trustee are those of the Board.

A trustee acting without Board authority is not representing the Board of Trustees
- 1.4 The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is an important partner in advocating on behalf of public school boards. OPSBA membership will be reviewed annually at the September regular Board meeting.
- 1.5 The Director of Education shall initiate and renew administrative memberships to professional organizations that support policy objectives, which will be reported annually to the Finance Committee.

DEFINITIONS

Board Advocacy consists of activities carried out on behalf of the Rainy River District School Board to influence the creation and/or amendment of public policy that impacts education.

<u>CROSS-REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u> 2022 11 01	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
<p>Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.07 The Role of the Board of Trustees ▪ 1.08 Code of Conduct ▪ 1.20 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee ▪ 1.60 School Councils and Parent Involvement Committee ▪ 2.10 Advertising and/or Distribution of Materials in Schools ▪ 5.01 Special Education 	<p><u>Board Motion</u> 309</p> <p><u>Review Prior to</u> 2027</p>	<p>Ministry of Education Memorandum 2006:B15, School Board Expenditure Guidelines</p>