



# POLICY

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## School Councils

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### Policy Statement:

Grand Erie District School Board will support School Councils in their work to promote and improve student achievement and well-being through collaboration with parents/guardians/caregivers, staff and communities.

### Authority:

Education Act 17.1 and Regulation 612/00, 613/00

### Accountability:

1. Frequency of Reports – Annual
2. Criteria for Success – Improving student achievement  
– Enhanced accountability through parental involvement

### Procedures:

1. Each school in the Grand Erie District School Board shall establish a School Council.
2. Parent members shall constitute a majority of members of the School Council.
3. School Councils will provide an annual report of activities to the board. The report must be submitted to the Directors' office by the end of June each year and will be included in the Annual School Council Report to the Board in August.
4. School elections shall be held within the first 30 days of the school year. In the case of a new school, for which a school council has not been established, school council elections shall be held within the first 30 days of the school's operation.
5. The Board shall provide each School Council in the board with an annual amount determined by the Board through its budget deliberation process. Members and officers of School Councils who incur expenses as members of the Council will be reimbursed from this annual amount.
6. The board, with support from the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), shall organize an annual School Council Orientation workshop and invite all School Council Chairs.
7. The Board or Principal may solicit input on any matter, but shall solicit the views of the School Councils through the School Council Chairs e-mail distribution list with respect to the following matters:
  - a. policies and procedures with respect to the conduct of persons in schools within in the Board's jurisdiction;
  - b. policies and procedures with respect to appropriate dress for pupils in schools within the Board's jurisdiction;
  - c. policies and procedures with respect to the allocation of funding by the Board to School Councils;
  - d. policies and procedures with respect to the fund-raising activities of School Councils;
  - e. policies and procedures with respect to the conflict resolution processes for internal School Council disputes;
  - f. the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, and
  - g. process and criteria applicable to the selection and placement of principals and vice-principals.

School Councils can comment on any matter to the Board by writing a letter to the Board Chair or following the process for delegations outlined in Board Bylaw 11 – Delegations.

8. The Board shall receive at a Committee or Board meeting every recommendation made to it by any School Council and shall advise the council of the action taken in response to the recommendation.
9. The Board will share all policies and procedures out for comment with School Councils as outlined in Bylaw 9.