



# ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

### NAMING AND/OR DEDICATION OF BOARD PROPERTIES

#### Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, as owner of record of all system properties, is responsible for the naming of schools, and supports the concept of giving special recognition to significant contributors to Catholic education through the dedication of a room or other feature of a school or other Board building in honour of said person, group or organization. The naming of new schools and/or dedication of board property is intended to forge a connection with a Saint or other significant Catholic individual or tradition, whose gifts/meaning will provide a focus for the school and kindle a unique identity and spiritual bond for the students and staff.

#### Guiding Principles

- In naming a school, the chosen name shall be named in honour of the Divinity, a Catholic tradition, a person or group that has been officially recognized by the Church (through beatification or canonization) or an outstanding Catholic figure.
- In naming a school, a committee with composition from the immediate Catholic community shall be involved in the naming process and bring recommendations to the Board for approval.
- In dedicating Board property, requests from the school and community groups or individuals shall include a rationale that outlines in specific terms the extraordinary contributions by the individual, groups or organizations to the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and its Mission.

#### References

*The Education Act and Regulations*

*The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board Mission Statement*

#### Administrative Procedures

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