

ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Student Involvement in Social Issues Activities

Out of a desire to support the development of social sensitivities in students, the Board supports their participation, on a school by school basis, in community endeavours which highlight various dimensions of significant societal issues.

Where such issues have system-wide implications for Catholic education, the Board expects the participation of pupils to be managed with particular discretion and sensitivity.

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POLICY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Student Involvement in Social Issues Activities

1. All requests for the participation of students in activities meant to highlight social issues must be made to the principal(s) of the local school(s).
2. Parental consent for students under 18 years of age must be obtained whenever such participation is remote from the school (as per Policy 1999-11-2 - School Excursions) and the denial of that consent will oblige the school to accommodate the student in reasonable alternative activities.
3. The principal will advise the appropriate Superintendent of Education of such involvement of students at least two weeks before the date of the event.
4. Where the issue may have system-wide implications for Catholic education, the issue will be brought to the attention of the Board with a recommendation for participation as necessary from the Director of Education.
5. The above timeline notwithstanding, when an immediate issue arises regarding student participation in social issues activities, the Director will respond and communicate his decision to the Chair of the Board.

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