



## **KENORA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

### **500 Business Administration Procedures**

#### **AP 511: Advocacy**

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The Kenora Catholic District School Board is committed to open communication with all its education partners, other school boards, and all levels of government. To that end, an advocacy program shall be supported to identify, discuss and find solutions to policy, education and financial issues. The Director of Education will ensure that an advocacy program is implemented in compliance with the above-stated Board Procedure.

1. The Board, education partners and the Ontario government are interested in ongoing communication to identify, discuss and find solutions to policy and financial issues.
2. Assistance from various associations and organizations may further this open and on-going communication [ie. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE), Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA), Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association (OCSBOA), Institute For Catholic Education (ICE)].
3. All stakeholders of the Board deserve the right to be heard and contribute to the well being of the organization. The Board has a communications policy which outlines the proper channels for communicating within the system.
4. It is understood and accepted that trustees are advocates for the stakeholders of their community, while still acting as one voice within the corporate body of the Board.

5. The following expenditures are inappropriate advocacy activities:

- Using students as vehicles for board or school advocacy to the public, education partners and governments.
- Use of board funds to attend events for specific political parties.
- Placing content intended to advocate for a particular position with report cards and annual reports.
- Communicating on personal or partisan political agendas.

Legal References:

B Memo 2006 B15 School Board Expenditure Guidelines

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