



GOVERNANCE POLICIES

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GOVERNANCE PROCESS

Policy Title: **GOVERNANCE COMMITMENT**

Policy:

The Northwest Catholic District School Board, as a governing body, will lead on behalf of the Catholic ratepayers of the communities of Dryden, Sioux Lookout/Ignace, Fort Frances, Stratton to Rainy River and Atikokan in regards to Catholic education. With the convictions and commitments of the Catholic faith as its guide, the Board will strive to achieve excellent results for all students and Catholic ratepayers. The Board shall avoid any decision or activity that reflects negatively on our Catholic school system, our Church or our Catholic faith.

The Board will govern in a manner that promotes:

- The development of the Catholic School System.
- The advancement of student achievement.
- The building of public confidence through strong policy governance.
- Equity and well-being for all.

The Purpose of a strong publicly funded Catholic education system is to:

- Develop the faith formation of students and staff to promote and protect Catholic education by the delivery of curriculum through the lens of the Catholic Social Teachings and Gospel Values.
- Provide the foundation of a prosperous, caring and civil society that supports the Catholic Graduate Expectations.
- Provide students with the opportunity to realize their potential and develop into highly skilled, knowledgeable, caring citizens who contribute to their society.

The Board will work with all partners in the Catholic Community, the Minister of Education, the Ministry and the Director of Education as all have a role to play in:

- Developing the Catholic curriculum for our students.
- Enhancing student achievement and student well-being.

- Closing the gaps in student achievement.

The Board shall govern to:

- Ensure there is a Board-Wide Vision Statement and a formal Strategic Planning Process.
- Ensure effective stewardship of the Board’s resources.
- Manage the resources entrusted to it in a manner that upholds public confidence.
- Deliver effective and appropriate Catholic education programs to its pupils.
- Ensure that the Board creates a faith community where religious instruction, religious practices, value formation and faith development are integral to every area of the curriculum.
- Create an environment for the evangelization of all who choose our schools
- Develop and maintain policies and organizational structures that encourage pupils to pursue their educational goals in the publicly funded Catholic education system.
- Ensure that Catholic/religious education courses are fostered and developed for our students.
- Make sure that our Catholic schools are viewed as a viable option for consideration by Catholic parents.
- Foster home, school and parish partnerships that work together to develop within students a way of living that embodies the life of Jesus Christ.
- Create formation of the whole person of the student through the personal integration of faith and life.
- Ensure support and guidance to develop each school as a Catholic community in all its academic and non-academic programs.
- Ensure staff who believe and live their faith and are committed to Catholic education become the key leaders in the system.
- Create an environment for the evangelization of all who choose our schools.

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