

FF: NAMING, RE-NAMING AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Position Statement

The Eastern School District maintains its right and responsibility to name, re-name and dedicate all schools or portions thereof which operate within its jurisdiction.

Consideration in the naming of schools may be given to names that relate to the location of the school, names of persons who have made outstanding contributions to the country, the community or to public service on behalf of children, and have significant meaning to students and members of that community.

The Board believes that the naming of schools should be undertaken following consultation with the constituents concerned. To this end, the Board will seek suggestions of names from parents and students in the attendance area, and from interested community groups. Suggestions will be screened by the Board's Finance and Properties Committee prior to a recommendation forthcoming for a decision of the Board at a public meeting.

Rationale

The Eastern School District believes that schools can be the focus of the community for activities and identity. The Eastern School District also believes that the name of a school can enhance the sense of ownership and identification that the community has with its school.

Scope

This policy applies to all stakeholders involved in the process of naming, re-naming and dedicating schools or portions thereof within the jurisdiction of the Eastern School District.

Procedures

The Development of Administrative Regulations regarding the naming, re-naming and official opening of schools will be the responsibility of the Director of Education or his / her designate. The Administrative Regulations will be reviewed annually by the Director of Education or his / her designate in consultation with Administrative Council and the Regional Administrative Councils.

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Cross Reference: The Schools Act, 1997

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