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RELATED POLICIES:	A: 16 T: 02, Pr T:02 A: 28
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1.0 Objective

To establish guidelines to govern the advocacy expenditures of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

2.0 Guiding Principles

- 2.1 The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board recognizes the importance of ongoing and effective communication among the Board, education partners, including parish and diocese representatives, and the Ontario government to the development of an effective education system.
- 2.2 Board communication with the Ontario government is an important activity, which assists in identifying, discussing and finding solutions to policy and financial issues.
- 2.2 The Board is committed to utilizing the effective education governance structure available to ensure that there is open and ongoing communication between school boards and the province of Ontario, including partnership tables, regular meetings and other vehicles established by the government.

3.0 Specific Directives

- 3.1 The board will support expenditures for advocacy initiatives directed to Governments and Ministries, which further the Board's Mission and Goals.
- 3.2 The Board may pay membership dues and fees to organizations which support the tenets of the Roman Catholic Faith, and when desirable and appropriate advocacy initiatives will be implemented through the appropriate provincial organizations (i.e. Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association).
- 3.3 There shall be no reimbursement of political contributions or fund raising activities for specific political parties or candidates. Expenditures related to attending events for specific political parties or candidates are prohibited and will not be reimbursed by the Board.

- 3.4 Placing content intended to advocate for a particular position within report cards and annual reports is prohibited.

4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 The Director of Education and the Communications Coordinator shall oversee the implementation of this policy.

5.0 References

Board Policy A: 16 Information/Materials Distribution to Parents/Guardians
Board Policy A: 28 Advertising Expenditures
T: 02 Conventions, Meetings, Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Pr T: 02 Procedures-Conventions, Meetings, Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Ministry of Education Memorandum 2006: B15 with School Board Expenditure Guidelines.