


Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board



Section: Trustees

POLICY
T:08 Use of Board Resources By
Board of Trustees Seeking
Re-Election

NUMBER:	T:08
EFFECTIVE:	Feb.28/18 Apr.26/22
AMENDED:	
RELATED POLICIES:	See References
REPEALS:	
REVIEW DATE:	2026

1.0 OBJECTIVE:

1.1 To establish guidelines on the appropriate use of board resources by incumbent Trustees seeking re-election for the 2022 Municipal Election, so that no campaign contributions are provided by the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board to incumbent Trustees. It is the intent that the policy and supporting administrative procedure will protect the interests of both the Trustees and the Board.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 **Board of Trustees or “Trustees”:** The Board of Trustees are elected by Catholic school electors living in the jurisdiction of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. The powers, duties and responsibilities are detailed in the *Education Act* and other legislation, and in regulation. The Catholic Board of Trustees functions within this legislative authority as a corporate body. Individual Trustees possess no authority or power to act independently.
- 2.2 **Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board or “Board”:** The Board is a publicly funded Catholic education system governed by the *Education Act*, and legislation and regulation.

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- 3.1 The *Municipal Elections Act* prohibits a School Board from making a contribution to a candidate for Trustee. The *Act* also prohibits a candidate, or someone acting on the candidate’s behalf, from accepting a contribution from a person or entity who is not entitled to make a contribution.
- 3.2 As a “contribution”, as defined under the *Municipal Elections Act*, may include money, goods or services, any use by a Board Trustee of the Board’s resources for their election campaign would be viewed as a contribution by the Board to the incumbent, which is a violation of the *Act* and could result in penalties as may be imposed pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- 3.3 Nothing in this policy or supporting procedure shall preclude a Trustee from performing their duties as an elected Board member, nor inhibit them from representing the interests of the constituents they represent in their respective ward.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of the Trustees seeking re-election for the 2022 Municipal Election to thoroughly read this policy and accompanying administrative procedure prior to the filing of their nomination paper with the City Clerk.

5.0 REVIEW AND EVALUATION:

- 5.1 This effectiveness of this policy shall be assessed through Trustee, staff and community satisfaction measures.
- 5.2 This policy will be reviewed prior to the 2026 Municipal Election.

6.0 REFERENCES:

Municipal Elections Act, Sections 88.8(4)5, 88.18

Board Policies:

A:29 Advocacy Expenditures

T: 07 Trustee Code of Conduct

T: 02 Trustee Expenses and Board Services