

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board's communication with the Ontario government is an important activity to identify, discuss and find solutions to policy and financial issues.

The Board is committed to focus its discussions and communication with the Ontario government in an honest and respectful manner in support of its distinctive Catholic mission to both form and inform students in mind, body, heart and soul.

In doing this the Board will be guided by the following Principles:

- Ongoing communication between Sudbury Catholic DSB and government Ministries and agencies will be through established mechanisms and channels.
- Provincial advocacy or lobby initiatives or campaigns directed to the government will be done, for the most part, through the established Catholic trustee or Catholic school board associations.
- Communications will not be based on personal or political agendas.
- Advocacy initiatives will have as their ultimate purpose the goal of maximizing resources for student success and achievement.

On a very limited occasion there may be some issues that are of a local character for which the Board may need to lobby the government directly. Democratically elected trustees need to retain the ability to approach government directly on these matters.

1. Budgeted expenditures for Advocacy will include but may not be limited to:
  - a) Membership dues and fees to trustee or school board associations.

**References**

Ministry of Education Guidelines - Memo 2006:B15

**Monitoring:**

Methods: Internal Report

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**Signature of Chairperson of the Board:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of the Secretary of the Board:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** Trustees and Administration Staff