

154 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Background

The Division will observe the following practices with respect to municipal, school board, provincial, and federal election campaigns:

Procedures

1. Board Offices:
 - a. Campaign literature shall not be accepted, posted, or distributed.
 - b. Campaign presentations, including those made by candidates, shall not be scheduled.
2. Schools:
 - a. The principal shall ensure that all staff are aware that individual candidates or parties for municipal, school board, provincial or federal elections are prohibited from campaigning in schools and attending school events during the election period.
 - b. Campaign literature and/or signage shall not be posted in areas accessed by the public (eg offices, hallways, outside areas that are on school property).
 - c. Campaign literature may be accepted, posted, and/or distributed in classrooms, but only as an instructional resource and only when appropriate for the course of study being undertaken in the classroom. When this occurs, all candidates shall be represented equally, to the extent possible.
 - d. Campaign presentations may occur in classrooms, but only when appropriate for the course of study being undertaken in the classroom. When this occurs, all candidates shall be represented equally, to the extent possible.
 - e. Campaign presentations may occur after school hours, when approved by the Principal, in alignment with AP 552 Community Use of School Facilities.

3. Other Division Facilities:

- a. Campaign literature shall not be posted in public areas (eg offices, hallways).
- b. Campaign literature may be accepted for placement in staff rooms. In the interests of fairness, the Principal or supervisor shall accept all such literature, or accept none.
- c. Campaign presentations may occur in staff rooms, but only when all candidates have been given equal opportunity to make such presentations.

References

Section 53, 197, 222, 256 Education Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
AP 552 Community Use of School Facilities

History

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