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POLICY

The Board supports and values the involvement of parent and community volunteers in its schools. A co-operative team approach for the management of volunteers in schools is supported.

RATIONALE

The purpose of inviting volunteers to assist students in our schools is to:

- a) encourage participation that enhances school-based activities and academic learning;
- b) increase communication and positive relationships between the school, parents and the community.

In order to reinforce a sense of community, volunteers are encouraged from the community and efforts are to be made to involve a wide representation of community members.

DEFINITIONS

Parent/Guardian Volunteer

A parent/guardian volunteer in a school is a parent or guardian who currently has a child enrolled in and attending that school.

Community Volunteer

A community volunteer is any member of the community who does not have a child enrolled in the school and who agrees to undertake, without pay, a designated task which supports a classroom, a school or a system-wide program.

When not specifically stated, the word volunteer refers to both parent/guardian and community volunteers. Co-op students are not defined as volunteers.

Volunteers in schools cannot be used to perform activities that are the full responsibility of teachers or other Board employees and must be limited to extra support activities.