



PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION

“Dedicated to the Pursuit of Excellence”

BOARD POLICY #14 Community Engagement

The Board will develop and implement the following strategies to enhance communication and consultation with communities, ratepayers, and the citizens of the School Division to promote community engagement.

- Develop formal connections with community, government, and other relevant agencies and organizations in order to gain support for the achievement of Board goals for the School Division. The Board will share information, proactively identify issues of importance, and work collaboratively to build positive relationships.
- Residents may influence the development of Board policies by:
 - electing trustees to represent the interests of the School Division;
 - writing suggestions or proposals;
 - presenting at hearings or Board meetings;
 - responding to surveys;
 - attending open meetings of the Board; and
 - attending their respective schools' Parent Advisory Council or their equivalent.
- Keep the public informed of the Board's deliberations, policies, challenges and actions by encouraging public attendance at all meetings with the exception of in-camera meetings.
- Designate a Board spokesperson who will endeavour to be current on all matters of Board governance and policy. In most cases this will be the Board Chair or the Chair's designate.
- Authorize the Superintendent or their designate to act as the primary spokesperson on operational or administrative matters.