



SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The general mandatory powers and duties of the Board are defined in sections 41 to 54 of the *Public Schools Act*. Other sections of the Act state or imply that a division board has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit, in compliance with provincial mandates and pertinent laws. Within these parameters, the Portage la Prairie School Division Board views its required functions in the following broad areas.

1. **Legislative and policymaking.** The Board is responsible for the development of policy to guide administrative action, and for employing Senior Administrators to implement its policies. (See also CA, CC, CD, DB).
2. **Appraisal.** The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation. (See also AH, BE, BFA).
3. **Provision of financial resources.** The Board is responsible for the adoption of a budget which will provide the resources –in terms of buildings, staff, materials and equipment –which will enable the school system to carry out the Board's policies. (See also DA, DCD, DCE).
4. **Public Relations.** The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping itself informed about the needs and wishes of the public. (See also AB, BBE, BD).
5. **Education Planning and Evaluation.** The Board is responsible for establishing educational goals which will guide both the Board and the staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program. It is responsible for providing for the ongoing evaluation of the school program against the goals and objectives set forth by the Board. (PSA 41-50) (See also ACB, IA, JA).