



### **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS**

As a member of my local Board of Trustees I will strive to improve public education and, to that end, I will do the following:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board and respective committee meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Recognize that I should endeavour to make policy decisions only after full discussion at committee and Board meetings.
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgement, and refuse to surrender that judgement to individuals or special interest groups.
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and use the proper channels of communication for the exchange of information with students, staff and community.
5. Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the senior administrative staff.
6. Communicate to other Board members and senior administrative staff expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
7. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information.
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all staff.
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
10. Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged.
11. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the schools of the Portage la Prairie School Division.