



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

ETHICAL FUNDRAISING AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS

Rationale

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board acknowledges its responsibilities to contribute to the common good through service, whether involving contributions of time, talent or treasure. All aspects of a school community's fundraising and charitable activities, whether on behalf of an approved organization, group or individual, or the school community itself, shall be consistent with the teachings and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, the Mission Statement of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and compliant with board policy on Administration of School Generated Funds.

Guiding Principles

- All fundraising and charitable activities in schools must reflect Gospel values as expressed in both the Traditions and social teachings of our Church; namely, the inherent dignity of all persons, the preferential option for the poor, the common good, solidarity, subsidiarity, justice, partnership, cooperation, consultation and accountability in the enactment of this policy.
- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board embraces its responsibility to model and teach the virtues inherent in actions on behalf of the poor, marginalized, disadvantaged and oppressed.
- Involvement of students in partisan political activities is to be avoided and any such student engagement in social action projects must be age-appropriate, with appropriate parental approval and adult supervision, and be consistent with other relevant Board policies (e.g. Student Involvement in Social Issues Activities 2004-02-2).
- All fundraising and charitable activities shall be carried out under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Principal.
- Student participation is voluntary and parents have the right to exclude their children from fundraising and charitable activities.
- The time and effort required of the students must be reasonable and not interfere with academic performance.
- The purpose and results of any fundraising and charitable activities must be clearly identified to the school community and the superintendent responsible for the school.

- Requests for anonymity and preservation of human dignity must be respected in any public communications of fundraising activities.

References

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Fair Labour Practices 2015-06-01

Healthy School Nutrition, 2011-04-06

Administration of School Generated Funds, B-2007

Compendium of Social Doctrine of the Church (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, 2005)

ALCDSB Policy - Student Involvement in Social Issues Activities 2004-02-02

Henri Nouwen, The Spirituality of Fundraising, (2004)

The Education Act and Regulations

School Resource for Ethical Fundraising, Committee for Social Justice, ALCDSB

Administrative Procedures

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