

SITE-BASED DECISION MAKING

Background

The Division supports site-based decision making in its schools by decentralizing those decision-making functions of the Division that are best made at the school level. Individual school communities are empowered to make decisions and allocate resources in a collaborative manner to best support the educational needs of all students.

Procedures

1. All decisions made at the school level must be in accordance with all relevant legislation, Board policies and Division administrative procedures. The Site-Based Decision Making Manual provides further detail.
2. The Principal is responsible for the educational leadership, safety and well-being of students and staff and the management and operation of the school.
3. School Councils have an important advisory role in the site-based decision-making process.
4. Decisions made at the school level shall be made in a collaborative manner with administration, school staff, School Council and the community.

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Reference: *Education Act* s. 52, 55, 197
School Councils Regulation AR 94/2019
Site-Based Decision-Making Manual (update coming soon)
Board Policy 1 – Appendix Guiding Principles for Decision Making
Board Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority
Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent
Board Policy 21 – Site-Based Decision Making
Administrative Procedure 110 – School Councils
Administrative Procedure 430 – Role of Principals