



INPUT INTO DECISION-MAKING

Background

Board Policy 1: Board Mandate, Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals identifies the Board, in keeping with the philosophy of Catholic education, is dedicated to serving the educational needs and aspirations of our children and parents. A school system functions best when there is a continuous exchange of ideas and pertinent information among all groups within the system.

Procedures

1. Staff is encouraged to express ideas and concerns about the operation of the division through established communication channels and committees.
2. Members of the community are encouraged to express their ideas, concerns and opinions about the school(s) through such means as:
 - 2.1 Written suggestions or proposals.
 - 2.2 Presentations to the Board.
 - 2.3 Responses to surveys, questionnaires or other means.
 - 2.4 Participation through school councils and local advisory committee(s).
 - 2.5 Direct contact with division staff and administration.
3. Input from the public and staff will be taken into consideration by administration and for possible consideration by the Board. In evaluating such advice, the first concern will be for the education program as it affects students. The Board's final decision may depart from this advice when, in the judgment of the staff and the Board, such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board, good educational practice, or within available financial resources.