

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
SECTION B: ADMINISTRATION**

<b>PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY</b>	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> 2007 03 27 / 2011 09 13 / 2016 11 22	

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:**

**1.0 Responsibility**

- 1.1 The Director of Education (or designate) shall be responsible for compliance with this policy.

**2.0 Expectations**

- 2.1 The St. Clair Catholic District School Board supports membership dues and fees to organizations committed to the goal of this policy, such as the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.
- 2.2 The Board does not support advocacy strategies such as:
  - (a) allowing contents intended to advocate for a particular position to be distributed with report cards and annual reports;
  - (b) using students as the instruments for Board or school advocacy to the public, education partners and governments;
  - (c) use of Board funds to attend events for political parties.
  - (d) distribution of materials from political parties and candidates for any level of government. The exception is at the secondary level where, during election campaigns, an all-candidates debate may be arranged as part of a course on Civics or government. In this instance, every reasonable effort must be made to have all individuals who have declared their candidacy in a particular race represented. However, should any candidates decline the invitation to participate, the event may still go forward with two or more candidates represented, so long as the teacher believes there is still educational value to the students.

**3.0 Additional Information**

- 3.1 The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to the principles of equity and inclusive education, consistent with our Catholic teachings, which value and promote human rights and social justice in all Board policies, programs, guidelines, operations and practices.