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CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Board, desiring to operate under the highest ethical standards, adopts the following CODE OF ETHICS for Board members. Board members will:

- Accept and promote the Board’s mission statement, beliefs, programs, services and successes in the community they serve and in the larger educational community.
- Observe the by laws and policies of the School Board and the laws, rules and regulations governing education in the Province of Nova Scotia and the provisions of other provincial and federal statutes.
- Attend all regularly scheduled Board Meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
- Recognize that the Board is responsible for policy-making, planning and system evaluation, and that the Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the system.
- Recognize that individual Board Members have no authority to act on behalf of the Region or the Board, and that the Board functions only as a Board through duly adopted policies and actions approved at public sessions.
- Provide leadership in developing systematic communications between the Board and all of its educational partners, and convey to the Superintendent or other appropriate administrative persons expressions of public support and/or criticism of Board policies, programs and services.
- Recognize that the expenditure of school funds is a public trust, and promote and support policies and actions that will ensure that funds are expended efficiently, economically, and in the best interest of the students and the Region.

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- Respect the strict confidentiality of all privileged information and take no action after receiving confidential information, which might compromise in any way the Board, the region or any of its employees or students. To assist in meeting this objective, Board members, at the Annual Organizational meeting, shall annually report in writing to the Chair any conflicts of interest (as defined in Policy V-B-5 for staff; and refer to Appendix A: Conflict of Interest Checklist for Outside Activities) or, if there are none then that shall be reported in writing as well. Refer also to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
- At all times, show respect for others in board member's verbal and non-verbal language and work with fellow board and staff members in a spirit of co-operation, regardless of personal differences of opinion, treating all with mutual courteous respect and encouraging the free exchange of diverse views.
- Not pursue any procedure calculated to embarrass another Board or staff member.
- Make a personal commitment to conduct Board affairs ethically and responsibly.

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