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### SPECIAL EDUCATION - PARTNERSHIPS

**The following is an excerpt from the *Special Education Policy, Department of Education, 2008*:**

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes that in order to provide students with a “broad-based, high-quality education, it is necessary to expand the traditional context of educational decision making in order to include multiple agencies/departments, the community, parents and other potential partners” (*Public School Programs, Nova Scotia Department of Education 2003*).

**The Strait Regional School Board recognizes the importance of partnerships in the provision of educational programming for students with special needs and promotes the full participation of all partners in the program planning process.**

1. **Parent Rights** - Parents/guardians have a right to be involved and informed about their children’s educational programming and progress.
2. **Program Planning/Collaboration** - The Strait Regional School Board is responsible for ensuring that the individual program planning process is collaborative in meeting the needs of students.
3. **School Board Collaboration** - The Strait Regional School Board is responsible for collaborating in the development and provision of programs and services for students with special needs.
4. **Provincial and Interdepartmental/Interagency Collaboration** - The Strait Regional School Board will actively participate in interdepartmental and interagency collaboration efforts in the design and implementation of programs and services for students with special needs.