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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS
Defining the Partnership

POLICY STATEMENT

The school advisory council, the Strait Regional School Board and the Department of Education share in the responsibility of modelling a partnership that will take into account the unique characteristics of each community while focusing on the task of making decisions that will improve learning and teaching in the classroom. The following guidelines will facilitate a step-by-step approach to the evolution of this partnership where all partners will be able to operate in a context that is collaborative, responsive and accountable.

Board support, through the office of the Coordinator of School Improvement, will be available to assist in the work associated with the definition of the partnership.

GUIDELINES

- Step 1 Development of an interim council and temporary by-laws;

- Step 2 Development of the Letter of Agreement formalizing the terms and conditions of the partnership. The letter of agreement will describe the specific commitments that each of the partners (school council, school board and the Department of Education) will make to support student learning.

- Step 3 Preparation of by-laws which will regulate the school advisory council's ongoing operations with respect to running meetings, committee operations, communications, budgeting, conflict resolution and reporting processes.

- Step 4 Development of a process for school improvement planning in consultation with the Board's Program and Student Services Department.

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