



POLICY: Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

REFERENCE NO: P-AD-41

The Greater Essex County District School Board supports the vision of parents as both valued partners and active participants in their children's education.

The Board will establish a Parent Involvement Committee using the provisions set out in the Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act (2009). The purpose of the Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee (GECPIC) is to support, encourage and enhance parent involvement at the Board level to support improved student achievement and well-being. GECPIC achieves its purpose by providing information and advice to the Board on effective parent engagement strategies and practices, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning at home and at school.

This policy:

- Recognizes, encourages and supports many forms of parent engagement;
- Recognizes and supports the important role parents have contributing to their children's learning at home and at school;
- Identifies strategies to remove barriers to parent involvement;
- Supports parents in acquiring skills and knowledge they need to be engaged and involved in their child's learning; and
- Provides a parent voice at the local level.