



### **POLICY: Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee**

REFERENCE NO: P-AD-41

The Greater Essex County District School Board supports the vision of parents/guardians 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/guardian 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/guardian engagement strategies and practices, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents/guardian support their children's learning at home and at school.

This policy:

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