

Greater Essex County District School Board

Policy: Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee

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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) and Ontario Regulation 612/00. 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 in 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 children's learning; and
- provides a parent/guardian voice at the local level.