

# Greater Essex County District School Board

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## Policy: School Councils

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The Greater Essex County District School Board envisions a mutually supportive community shaped by a process of active participation, cooperation, and consensus building. The Board values the contributions of parents/guardians and other partners involved in education and believes that the quality of the programs and services offered to its students can be improved and enhanced by building stronger Board, staff, parent/guardian, student, and community relations.

When schools place a priority on the engagement of families, students do better in school. Family involvement promotes a more responsive school climate, which in turn improves student attendance, behaviour, and achievement.

One important way in which families can be involved in school is through participation on school councils. Through the active participation of parents/guardians and the community, the council members' purpose is to assist in the improvement of student learning at home and at school and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents/guardians. The primary means of achieving school council's purpose is to make recommendations to the Principal of the school and to the Board for consideration and appropriate response.

Each school under the jurisdiction of the Greater Essex County District School Board shall establish and maintain a school council in accordance with regulations established by the Ministry of Education-Ontario Regulation 612/00.