

Greater Essex County District School Board

Policy: Trustee Expenses

Reference No: P-BA-28

As elected officials, school board trustees are guardians of the public trust. The establishment of a distinct trustee expense policy by the Greater Essex County District School Board promotes financial integrity, accountability, transparency, and public confidence in Ontario's public education system.

It is the policy of the Greater Essex County District School Board to provide trustees with specified resources to enable them to fulfill their governance responsibilities through knowledge gained from attendance at conferences, conventions, and other professional development. The Board encourages trustees to participate in trustee development opportunities to enhance their ability to fulfil their obligations within the following parameters:

- a) To gain knowledge of current developments and issues in public education;
 - b) To gain knowledge about student needs as they relate to
 - i. Achieving excellence;
 - ii. Ensuring equity;
 - iii. Promoting well-being; and
 - iv. Enhancing public confidence
- and,
- c) To develop and maintain essential skills required as they apply to the practice of good governance in public education.

An annual honouraria will be paid to trustees, not to exceed the maximum amounts as stated in The Education Act. Trustees will also be reimbursed for other expenses directly related to their role as trustees (in accordance with the Regulations to this policy) in fulfilling the Board's vision, mission and strategic priorities.

Trustees are expected to share information and insights gained from their professional development experience.