



SCHOOL COUNCILS

Legal References:	<i>Education Act: Ontario Regulation 612/00</i> <i>Education Act: Ontario Regulation 613/00 – School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees</i>
Related References:	<i>Ministry of Education, Guide to School Councils, 2002</i> <i>Administrative Procedure 1570 – School Councils</i> <i>School Council Handbook by WRAPSC/PIC (2015)</i>
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1. It is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), in compliance with the legislative requirements contained in the Education Act, and in recognition of the valuable contributions of all the school councils of the WRDSB, the Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC), Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and all participants within our diverse community through this partnership of school and community, to:
 - 1.1 request that each school within the district establish and maintain a School Council, ranging in size from nine to fifteen members in elementary schools, and from eleven to fifteen members in secondary schools, where possible, which will be an advisory body to the school and to the Board;
 - 1.2 acknowledge that the implementation of School Councils will be a learning process unique to each school and its community, and that part of this process will be regular reflection and review of the Council's effectiveness according to WRDSB's policy and procedures for School Councils;
 - 1.3 encourage School Councils to focus on strategies and activities which support *equity and inclusion* and student learning, achievement and well-being;
 - 1.4 advocate that School Councils and WRAPSC work together with parents, caregivers, students, employees, band councils, PIC, Special Education Advisory Committee and other members of the community to bring a community perspective and support to school planning and the attainment of educational goals, and a shared responsibility and accountability for student learning, well-being and opportunities for success;
 - 1.5 consult with School Councils in accordance with s.19, 20, 21 of O. Reg. 612/00.