

<b>SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS</b>	<b>8000</b>
<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY</b>	<b>8080</b>

1. Rationale

School boards are required to establish school councils in accordance with Regulation 612/00 of the Education Act.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board that each school in its jurisdiction annually establish and maintain school councils which will be instrumental in supporting school quality.

3. School Council Mandate

3.1 The school council shall act in an advisory capacity to the school's principal and, where appropriate, to the Board for the continued promotion of student learning and will place the overall interests of the students and the school first.

3.2 School councils shall operate within the parameters of the Education Act and other relevant legislation, the Board's Operational Plan, Board policies and procedures, and agreements, including collective agreements.

3.3 Objectives

The objectives of school councils are:

- to focus on successful learning;
- to plan for school growth;
- to establish effective communication within the school community;
- to establish effective approaches to consultative and collaborative strategies between home, school and community; and
- to increase participation of parents/guardians in the education of their children.

3.4 8080 School Council Procedures provide clear parameters for the operation of school councils while allowing procedural flexibility to accommodate individual school community needs.

4. Purpose

4.1 The purpose of school councils is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

4.2 A school council's primary means of achieving its purpose is by making recommendations to the school principal and the Board, in accordance with Regulation 612/00.

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5. Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.

<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
Policy 8080, "School Council Procedures"	May 26, 1998	Ontario Education Act R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 298
Policy & Procedures 8012, "Fundraising in the Schools"	<u>Date Revised</u> May 27, 2003 June 22, 2010 April 24, 2018 February 24, 2026	O. Reg. 612/00 O. Reg. 613/00