

# Halton District School Board

## *Operational Policy/Procedures*

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<b>NUMBER:</b>	<i>to be determined</i>
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>Advocacy Expenditures</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	<b>May 1, 2007</b>
<b>CROSS-REFERENCE:</b>	
<b>REVISION DATE:</b>	<b>September 1, 2011</b>
<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b>	<b>Director of Education</b>

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

School board communication with the Ontario government is an important activity to identify, discuss and find solutions to policy and financial issues.

Therefore, the Halton District School Board is committed to ensuring that expenditures on advocacy, whether through Board, School Generated or School Council Funds:

- Focus on ongoing communication between school boards, education partners and governments through established mechanisms and channels
- Avoid basing communications on personal or partisan political agendas
- Maximize resources for student success and achievement

### **PROCEDURES:**

Examples of suitable advocacy expenditures include:

- Membership dues and fees to organizations that meet the policy objectives above.

Examples of inappropriate advocacy expenditures include:

- Placing content intended to advocate for a particular position with report cards and annual reports
- Using students as vehicles for board or school advocacy to the public, education partners and governments
- Use of Board, School Generated or School Council Funds to attend events for specific political parties.