

NUMBER:	<i>to be determined</i>
TOPIC:	Election Campaigns
EFFECTIVE:	Immediately
CROSS-REFERENCE:	
REVISION DATE:	February 2011
RESPONSIBILITY:	Director of Education

INTENT STATEMENT

The Halton District School Board believes senior students should understand the electoral process. However, the Board is committed to the principles of fairness and non-partisanship. Schools must not be used, during the school day, for political campaigning.

PROCEDURES:

Principals are urged to limit campaigning within the schools by candidates for political office to a brief planned event where student attendance is voluntary, and all candidates are invited and extended equal opportunity to interact with the electorate. No material, letter, memorandum or other document from candidates for political office should be distributed or used in a school with the intent or appearance of affecting the prospects of that candidate without the consent of the Principal and the Director of Education.

Such “all candidates” meetings are more appropriate at the secondary than the elementary level, and are held at the option of the school.

If you plan such an event, please inform and invite all candidates at the same time, and well in advance of the date.

The object of this advice is not to curtail students’ understanding of the electoral process nor the issues involved, but to preserve the school from being charged with political favouritism.