

POLICY STATEMENT:

In keeping with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's mission statement and guiding principles, the Board is a Catholic community that is committed to providing every possible opportunity to access and provide for our students the supports required for emotional and physical well-being, to be delivered in partnership, where possible. The Board will provide and support a protocol for partnerships with external agencies for the provision of services by regulated health professionals, regulated social service professionals and paraprofessionals identified by the Ministry of Education. The Board welcomes and values working in partnership with external agencies to support our students to grow and develop as persons of God.

Rationale

Policy/Program memorandum 149 requires all school boards to develop a local protocol for partnerships with external agencies for provision of services by regulated health professionals, and regulated social service professionals, and paraprofessionals.

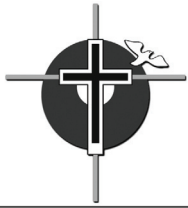
Existing long term partnerships include Section 23, Alternative and Long Term Suspension programs, Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy Services, Autism School Support Programs, and Mental Health targeted intervention and therapeutic services. Case coordination, consultation, prevention and intervention programs, workshops and training sessions are provided by Mental Health, Probation and Children's Aid Society. Workshops and training are also provided by the Health Unit, Addiction Services, Big Sisters, Big Brothers, Fire and Police Departments, Hospitals and Parish teams.

The School Board currently delivers speech and language assessments and psycho-educational assessments by regulated health professionals. The Board is open to long term and short term partnerships that support and enhance the school and board support services.

Guiding Principles

External agencies/providers shall be invited to contribute mental health or other services and programs to students/families, provided that services:

- i. are consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Graduate Expectations;
- ii. are consistent with the Mission Statement, goals, aims and objectives of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario;
- iii. promote effective community-based partnerships with external agencies that foster continuous improvement in the delivery of programs and services for all students, including students with special needs;



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- iv. are in accordance with the legislation contained in the following: Education Act, Child and Family Services Act, Mental Health Act, Regulated Health Professionals Act, Young Offenders Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and other relevant Acts;
- v. are free from solicitation of fees or donations from students and/or families or the Board;
- vi. foster collaborative partnerships in order to close the achievement gap for all students and enhance delivery of services supplemental to the current services offered in Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario;
- vii. are reviewed and assessed at regular intervals;
- viii. are built upon mutual trust, respect, and an appreciation of each other;
- ix. provided by external providers are in keeping with provisions of CDSBEO collective agreements with Board staff.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: B11:1 Protocol for Partnerships with External Agencies	REFERENCE <i>Policy/Program Memorandum 149</i>
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