

BOARD ADMINISTRATION 2100

**STUDENT TRUSTEE
REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD 2130**

1. Rationale

- 1.1 Legislation requires that each board develop and implement a policy providing for the representation of the interest of pupils on the Board. Each board shall have at least one but not more than three student trustees as is specified in the regulation and provide specific requirements regarding the election of student trustees.
- 1.2 The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes the benefits derived from the involvement of pupils in the planning and decision making related to the education of students in the SCDSB.
- 1.3 It is expected that students who serve as student trustees will bring student perspectives to public board discussions, will develop as student leaders, will bring to the Board an increased awareness of issues of concern to students, will assist the board in determining student issues and in gathering student opinion, and will foster effective communication between the Board and students.
- 1.4 Three student trustees will be elected by their peers in each school year for the next school year by the end of February. The names of the elected student trustees will be submitted to the ministry no later than 30 days after the date of the election as outlined in the *Education Act Section 55, 0. Reg. 7/07 Student Trustees*. The elected names will be shared with the Board of Trustees.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the SCDSB that three student trustees be elected by their peers by the end of February in each school year to represent the interests of pupils on the Board for the following school year and shall commence their term of office from Aug. 1 to July 31. Of the three student trustees, one shall be elected from each of the three geographic regions within the board: North and East, Central and South, and South and West.

This policy serves to further the SCDSB's commitment to engage students in leadership and governance opportunities, and to establish a framework for equitable, effective, and efficient student representation and leadership across the SCDSB.

3. Administrative procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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