
HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION**Policy Code:** BBB
Policy Title: Electioneering and Politically Motivated Communications**POLICY HANDBOOK****Cross Reference:**
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POLICY

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION BELIEVES THAT DIVISION STAFF, STUDENTS, AND RESOURCES SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S EDUCATION MANDATE UNDER THE *EDUCATION ACT*. AS SUCH DIVISION STAFF, STUDENTS, AND RESOURCES SHALL NOT BE USED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED COMMUNICATIONS OR CAMPAIGN MATERIALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOARD AUTHORIZED ADVOCACY COMMUNICATIONS.

DEFINITIONS

Campaign: For the purposes of this policy, a "campaign" means an attempt by an individual or group to create action by students, staff, or others regarding school board, municipal, provincial or federal elections.

REGULATIONS

1. Any materials posted or distributed by the division regarding candidates for school board elections shall treat all candidates equally and may not solicit or imply support for any individual candidate or slate of candidates.
2. The Board prohibits campaigning in or through Horizon schools by individual candidates or parties for school board, municipal, provincial or federal elections except that:
 - 2.1. schools may organize all-candidate forums for educational purposes; and
 - 2.2. schools may be utilized as polling stations.
 - 2.3. The Board prohibits the posting or distribution of campaign materials associated with school board, municipal, provincial and federal elections on lands, within buildings, or through communication processes owned and/or operated by the Horizon School Division except that campaign materials may be:
 - 2.3.1. posted and distributed in that portion of a school used for an all-candidate forum, however, all political materials must not be posted or distributed prior to the forum with the exception of advertising the forum and must be removed from school premises at the end of any such event;

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- 2.3.2. used as classroom teaching aids on condition that support for an individual candidate or political party is not solicited; and
- 2.4. posted and distributed material regarding school board elections as directed by the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with Section 1 above.