

POLITICAL CANVASSING IN SCHOOLS

Background

The Division believes students should not be used as participants or as members of a captive audience in campaigns promoted by individuals, groups, or agencies for political purposes at the local, provincial, or national level.

The Division further believes students should not be used as message carriers or be exposed to posters and other materials for political campaigning purposes and that school newsletters should not be used to promote individuals or parties running for political office at any level.

Procedures

1. The Superintendent believes having representatives of political parties to participate in student education programs has merit provided such participation is curriculum specific and school initiated.
2. The Superintendent believes school staff are able to make personal choices regarding political matters and do not fall within the same restrictions as are applied to students.

Legal Reference: Section 60, 61, School Act