## STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

## **Background**

Any employee of the District may choose to run for public office.

## **Procedures**

- 1. A potential candidate is to familiarize themselves with District procedures by consulting the Associate Superintendent-Employee Services
- 2. In any case where, in the opinion of the Associate Superintendent-Employee Services, the requirements of the public office would interfere with the carrying out of the duties of its employee, leave of absence must be obtained.
- 3. Full-time leave of absence will be granted, without pay, for the duration of the term of office.
  - 3.1. Upon application, part-time leave of absence may be granted at the pay rate of a substitute where no loss to the educational program results. Such absence shall not exceed one day per week unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent.
- 4. On expiration of the leave of absence, the employee shall be re-engaged by the District but not necessarily in the same position that they formerly held.
- 5. Conditions of Implementation
  - 5.1. Each application will be considered on its individual merits.
  - 5.2. Leave will be granted for the full term of office.

Reference: Sections 22, 65, 85 School Act

**Employment Standards Act** 

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Collective Agreements

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