

# AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

### NO. 397

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## **SUBJECT: STUDENT SENATOR ELECTION PROCESS**

Legal References: *Education Act* Section 55 *Representation of Pupils on School Boards*, Section 6 of Bill 78, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Student Performance), 2006 and Ontario Regulation 7/07

Related References: *Board Policy 9*

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### **1.0 Background**

This administrative procedure has been developed to create structure and parity across the Avon Maitland District School Board. This procedure will allow all secondary schools in the board to have a comparable student senator election process.

### **2.0 Application Process and Eligibility to Hold Office**

- 2.1 Each school community is responsible for identifying appropriate applicants for the student senator position, using a school specific application process. This process should involve the students, school administration and teaching staff in order to ensure the identification of a wide range of potential candidates.
- 2.2 If the current senator resigns or fails to maintain regular attendance (absent for three meetings without legitimate excuse) the Students' Council, in consultation with the school administration, is responsible for finding a replacement senator using the same process described in 2.1 and 3.1 of this Administrative Procedure.
- 2.3 The Student Senator position is open to all students who are in compliance with the *Education Act*, Section 55 *Representation of Pupils on School Boards*, Section 6 of Bill 78, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Student Performance), 2006 and Ontario Regulation 7/07. That is, the student is enrolled full-time in the senior division at the secondary school that he or she represents.

### **3.0 Student Senator Election**

- 3.1 The Student Senator shall be elected or acclaimed by the current Students' Council and the sitting Student Senator no later than the first Friday in April of each school year.
- 3.2 The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot and the voting procedures must be supervised by the principal or his or her designate.

#### **4.0 Student Trustee Elections**

- 4.1 Student Senators may self-nominate, or they may be nominated by another Senator, to be considered for one of the two positions of Student Trustee.
- 4.2 Student Trustee candidates may make a brief presentation to their peers prior to the vote taking place.
- 4.3 The balloting process must be supervised by a staff member who has been appointed to act as a liaison for the Student Senators.
- 4.4 The Student Trustees must be elected by the newly appointed Student Senators before the 30th of April in the year previous to beginning their term as Student Senators/Trustees.