

*VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOLS*

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**Description:**

The Board believes that the education of students is an undertaking that should be shared among its employees, parents and members of the community. The active involvement of parents in a volunteer role has the potential to provide considerable benefit to the intellectual and social development of students. In addition, the participation of volunteers increases communication and positive relationships between the school, parents and the community. Consequently, the Board supports and encourages the use of volunteers to support the work of employees.

The Board believes that the use of volunteers supports parental involvement, complements the skill and expertise of employees, assists schools in providing enriching additional learning experiences and extracurricular programs, and strengthens lines of communication among the school, home and community.

Involvement of volunteers is encouraged in activities for which the volunteer is qualified, which benefit the school, and which do not interfere with employees performing their regular duties or result in the displacement of an employee. The delivery of an effective volunteer program requires a harmonious relationship between school staff and volunteers.

While encouraging the community context of schooling, the Board expects its schools to be safe, secure, and caring environments for students. Therefore, appropriate safeguards respecting the selection, role, and supervision of volunteers must support the use of volunteers. The School Board, through its employees, must maintain control of school programs and school-sponsored activities.