



SECTION 5000: GOVERNANCE

POLICY 5010: TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS

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POLICY STATEMENT

The role of School Trustee is fundamental to the education system in that it embodies the trust of the community in the important enterprise of developing directions to shape the citizens of our communities.

The purpose of the Trustee Code of Ethics is to guide the integrity of action in this endeavour by the Board and its individual members.

CODE OF ETHICS

As an elected Trustee on the Board of Education representing all of the citizens of Coast Mountains School District:

1. I will regard the well-being of every student as my primary obligation.
2. I will work to bring about positive change for all students and for the education system.
3. I will work with fellow trustees in a spirit of harmony and cooperation, regardless of differences of perspective and opinion.
4. I will base my personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation; vote my honest conviction in every case, not swayed by partisan bias of any kind, thereafter to abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.
5. I will undertake my duties and responsibilities diligently and with integrity.
6. I will maintain the integrity of the Board and the position of trustee when communicating and interacting with outside individuals and agencies.



Code of Ethics *(continued)*

7. I will respect the rights of fellow trustees, employees, students, and parents and the interests of the wider community.
8. I will endeavour to be competent and efficient in the performance of my office.
9. I will deal with sensitive issues appropriately, respect the confidentiality of discussions that take place during in-camera sessions, and maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
10. I will maintain the highest standards of civility and respect expected of any member of public office.

Further, I will:

- declare any pecuniary conflict of interest between my personal life and/or business interests and my position on the Board;
- refrain from discussion and voting on any matter in which I am in conflict;
- recognize that authority over the organization is only vested in the Board when it meets in legal session;
- demonstrate discretion when making public statements so as to minimize the impression that such statements reflect the corporate opinion of the Board when they do not;
- recognize that the primary function of the Board is to establish policies by which the schools are to be administered and that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of school business shall be left to the employed superintendent of schools and his/her professional and non-professionals staff in line with Board policy.