**SECTION 1000: STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS** 

**POLICY 1065: LEARNING RESOURCES** 

Date Adopted: March 13, 2013

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board may use either Ministry of Education Recommended Learning Resources or those utilized through an approved district process.

## **POLICY**

The Board is responsible for providing learning resources and instructional materials that will:

- enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, abilities, backgrounds, and maturity levels;
- stimulate development in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards;
- enable students to develop the practice of critical analysis and to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives;
- represent diverse groups and their contributions to our national heritage and to the world community.

## **REGULATIONS**

- 1. Materials and resources selected will be consistent with the goals and curricula of the Ministry of Education and with Board policy.
- 2. Responsibility for selecting learning resources rests with the appropriate educational staff employed by the Board.
- 3. Although schools may have committees for learning resources selection, it is the principal who has statutory authority for the school's educational program and learning resources.

## **REGULATIONS** (continued)

- 4. If the learning materials used in a classroom or school are challenged by a parent or a member of the public, the following procedures shall apply:
  - a. The complainant shall meet with the teacher to discuss and to attempt to resolve the problem.
  - b. If the problem has not been resolved, the complainant should meet with the principal.
  - c. If the problem has not been resolved at the school, then the complainant will state his/her objections in writing to the Superintendent of Schools or designate.
  - d. A committee consisting of the Superintendent of Schools or designate, a school principal, the complainant's nominee, and a teacher will examine the learning resource.
  - e. If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision resulting from the meeting in (c), he or she may appeal the decision in accordance with Section 11 of the *School Act* and Board Policy 5080, Appeal Bylaw.