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Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association

Principles for Shared School Facilities and Other Educational Services

Preamble:

Catholic school trustees recognize that they, and the people they serve, are an integral part of communities in which they live. There are examples of cooperation with community and parish that are of benefit to all involved. There may be instances where, for good reasons, Catholic separate school divisions may wish to negotiate sharing of facilities. Such arrangements, however, must not have a deleterious or compromising effect on the operation of the Catholic school. The Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association offers the following fundamental principles for the consideration of Catholic school trustees:

1. The Catholic identity of the school, its vision, mission, and value statements are to be ensured.
2. Constitutional minority faith rights are to be maintained.
3. The autonomy of the Catholic separate school board is to be maintained.
4. The Catholic school board is to employ its own staff.
5. All arrangements must provide full opportunities for the permeation of Catholic values and beliefs throughout the school curriculum and all related activities.
6. School facilities must be of reasonable size to encourage the formation of community, excellence in teaching and learning and an environment that is healthy and safe for students and staff.
7. Partnerships that provide for an environment in which the philosophy and values of Catholic education may flourish will be encouraged.
8. Arrangements for sharing or “joint-use” of facilities and educational services in any Catholic school jurisdiction in Canada, will not set a precedent for any other Catholic school division.