

POLICY – PO203

Naming of Catholic Schools and Buildings

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1. Introduction

The Durham Catholic District School Board recognizes and values the importance of the distinct Catholic character that is associated with the name of a school or Board building.

2. Definitions

Nil

3. Purpose

The purpose of this policy and related administrative procedure is to establish the process for the designation of a named patron(s) for a new Catholic school, a school that is being renamed, or a school board building.

4. Application / Scope

This policy shall apply to the designation of all schools and buildings within the Board.

5. Principles

- 5.1 The Durham Catholic District School Board realizes the symbolic significance of a school's or school board building designation.

- 5.2 The designation of a school or school board building affords honour to the person(s) identified and conveys symbolic significance to the new school community.
- 5.3 The person(s) designated as the patron of the building will serve as a model to all students, staff and parents/guardians.
- 5.4 The Board will consider the commitment of a person(s) (deceased) to Catholic education and/or to the general good of the school community and/or to the well-being of society at large.
- 5.5 The Board will rename schools or school board buildings where its patron has been canonized by the Catholic Church.

6. Requirements

- 6.1 The Director of Education shall issue administrative procedures to support this policy and to amend them thereafter as the need arises.
- 6.2 The naming of the school or school board building will be a collaborative process that engages all Catholic community stakeholders.
- 6.3 The Chair/Trustee Designate shall act as the Chair of the Naming Committee.
- 6.4 In the case where a school's patron has been canonized after a school or building is named, the Director of Education or designate shall direct Board and school staff to collaborate in a process to rename the school or school board building in consultation with the school community and the Archdiocese.
- 6.5 The Director or designate shall develop administrative procedures to support the implementation of this policy.

7. Sources

Nil

8. Related Policies and Administrative Procedures

- 8.1 Naming of Catholic Schools and Buildings Administrative Procedure (AP203-1)