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SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

The Board believes that the operation of the Division's educational programs should be funded from local taxation and provincial grants. However, the Board recognizes the value of schools carrying out extra-curricular activities and projects aimed at extending and enhancing school program offerings which often require additional financial support. The Board permits individual schools to supplement available funds for school-related activities through fundraising initiatives. Similarly, the Board recognizes the educational value of student involvement in fundraising activities in support of worthwhile charities. The Board permits school support of the fundraising initiatives of registered societies and/or charitable organizations insofar as these initiatives are congruent with Board policies and Catholic values.

Specifically,

1. School-related Fundraising Activities: For fundraising activities sponsored directly by the school, the following applies:
 - 1.1 Student participation must be voluntary;
 - 1.2 Fundraising activities shall not detract from the curricular program;
 - 1.3 Fundraising activities must have adequate adult supervision and not place students at risk; and
 - 1.4 The purpose of the fundraising activities and the intended use(s) shall be made known to students and parents in advance.
2. For fundraising activities sponsored by charitable organizations or groups registered under the Alberta Societies Act, the following applies:
 - 2.1 Fundraising and canvassing initiated by a legally recognized society falls outside the legal jurisdiction of the Division or the Board.
 - 2.2 For schools participating officially in fundraising activities sponsored by registered societies the following applies:
 - 2.2.1 Student participation must be voluntary;
 - 2.2.2 The activity cannot detract from the school's curricular program; and
 - 2.2.3 The purpose(s) of the fundraising activities and intended use(s) must be made known to students and parents.
 - 2.2.4 The principal must have approved the fundraiser.
3. The Superintendent or designate must approve use of the school name for fundraising purposes.
4. The Board prohibits any school related fundraising activities tied to casino gambling or high-stakes bingo. The school cannot accept monies from any organization whereby funds were raised in contravention to the direction provided by the archbishop.

5. Assistance in establishing budgets, proper accounting records and the maintenance thereof may be provided by the Superintendent or designate.

Legal Reference: Section 51, 52, 53, Education Act
Societies Act
Archdiocese of Edmonton Gambling Frequently Asked Questions Document, October 2010
STAR Catholic Schools Fundraising Societies Handbook