

1.1 Mandate

The Minister of Education "has charge of the maintenance and management of all Provincial schools established under this Act" and is given power to create, dissolve, alter, and consolidate School Districts, and to provide leadership and services to local School Districts within the framework of the *School Act (1966)*.

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools are under the governance and control of the locally elected Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) which is charged by law to "determine local policy in conformity with the *School Act* for the effective and efficient operation of schools in the school district," and has the legal status of a corporation, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and all the rights, duties, powers, and liabilities set out in the *School Act*.

The Board of Education will establish an ongoing strategic planning process by which it translates its vision, mission, and values along with Board and district goals into actionable and measurable goals, strategies and initiatives. The plan will provide direction for both long and short-term decision-making by the Board of Education and senior staff to fulfill the vision, mission, values and goals of the district.

The Board of Education is committed to enhancing district governance. The following Board objectives have been established to guide and focus governance improvement:

- To develop and implement the understandings, commitments, policies and procedures necessary to provide strategic and policy oriented Board governance;
- To develop, implement and monitor a comprehensive school district strategic plan;
- To develop and implement meaningful public consultation processes, and effective partnerships and government-to-government relationships; and
- To take action on improved knowledge and understandings of social justice issues as they impact on children's well-being and learning success in collaboration with families, communities and stakeholders.

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| Legal References: | <i>School Act Secs.65, 73-87, 168, 172-176</i> |
| Monitoring Method: | <i>Internal Reports/Board and Superintendent</i> |
| Monitoring Frequency: | <i>Triennial</i> |
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