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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board encourages its members to participate in professional development activities that are designed to enhance their effectiveness in their role in public education governance and leadership.

GUIDELINES

1. Regional level: To assist members in understanding issues relative to the operation of the public education system in the Strait Region, the Superintendent will arrange for inservicing of board members in relation to the educational program, governance priorities and planning initiatives.
2. Provincial: Each board member is entitled annually to attend meetings, workshops and conferences within the Province of Nova Scotia that are designed specifically for and on behalf of school boards. These functions include but may not be limited to:
 - 2.1 orientation workshops for elected school board members;
 - 2.2 Nova Scotia School Boards Association annual general meetings.
3. National: During their term of office, board members may participate in other professional development initiatives that are consistent with the policy governance needs of the Strait Regional School Board.
 - 3.1 A committee made up of the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Director of Finance will review board members' requests for participation in professional development activities outside of the Region or Province.

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4. **Budget:** The Strait Regional School Board's annual budget shall specify the amounts available in each fiscal year to support professional development initiatives in each of the three categories identified in this policy. Budget allocations will follow the recommended allowances outlined in the School Board Member Stipends 2012-2016: A Report to the Minister of Education and the Nova Scotia School Boards Association (Gunn's Leadership Consulting Services, June 28, 2012).

5. **Records:** The Director of Finance shall be responsible for designing and implementing procedures and forms for keeping track of expenditures associated with professional development of board members as described in this policy and for preparing statements showing the amounts expended by each board member from time to time.