



## GOVERNANCE 4 – Patriotic Exercises / Flag Etiquette

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### 1.0 RATIONALE

Patriotic exercises provide students with opportunities to acquire knowledge and develop skills and attitudes that will prepare them to be responsible and productive citizens.

Schools are expected to provide education to students regarding the appropriate protocol and conduct during patriotic exercises or events.

### 2.0 PROCESS

The Board may prescribe the conducting of patriotic exercises in Sturgeon schools in accordance with the School Act.

The Superintendent or designate shall be responsible to maintain this Administrative Practice.

### 3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 The playing of O Canada should be conducted at all schools (K-12) at the commencement of each day and shall be conducted at the commencement of all patriotic activities.
- 3.2 All students shall be educated in the appropriate conduct during the playing of O Canada and God Save the Queen and the same should be observed.
- 3.3 The Canadian flag, the Alberta flag and the Sturgeon School Division flag shall be displayed at each Division site as per established protocol and maintained in good condition.  
(Reference: Canada Heritage Website.)
- 3.4 A Canadian flag of proportionate size and quality shall be appropriately displayed in all classrooms.

References:    *Board Policy:*                      *D/II/3 – Patriotic Exercises / Flag Etiquette*  
                      *Administrative Practice:*    *Governance 1 – Protocol: Recognition of Dignitaries and Trustees at School or Public Events*  
                      *School Act:*                              *Section 50(1)(c) and (d); 50(2)(a) and (b)*  
                      *Website(s):*                              *Canadian Heritage Website: [www.pch.gc.ca](http://www.pch.gc.ca)*  
    *Royal Canadian Legion, Guidelines for; [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)*



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- 3.5 Display of flags at assemblies and the lowering of flags (e.g. half-masting) shall follow the protocol established on the Canadian Heritage Website. Where there is no established protocol, such as for the death of a Sturgeon student or staff member the school principal shall consult with the Superintendent to determine appropriate procedures.
- 3.6 Protocol for Remembrance Day Services shall be as per Royal Canadian Legion Guidelines.
- 3.7 Protocol for Trustee recognition at patriotic, school or public events shall follow the guidelines identified in *Administrative Practice: Governance 1*.
- 3.8 As per the School Act, Section 5(2), a student may be excused from any patriotic exercise upon written request of the student’s parent or guardian.

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