



# ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

### PROTOCOL FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXTERNAL AGENCIES FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES BY REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, REGULATED SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONALS, AND PARAPROFESSIONALS

#### Rationale

It is a basic tenet of our Catholic faith that all people are created in the image of God. With this in mind and, as members of God's family, we are all deserving of respect and love. We should be secure in the knowledge that we work and live in a community which fosters love, commitment and service to one another. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring and valuing effective partnerships with external agencies and our community partners to enhance the delivery of services and/or programs for students with special education needs and/or students at risk. To support this end, the Board requires that staff and members of the community work cooperatively, following procedures designed to facilitate effective partnerships with external agencies for the provision of services by regulated health professionals, regulated social service professionals and paraprofessionals.

#### Guiding Principles

- The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board believes in the importance of promoting effective community-based partnerships with external agencies that foster continuous improvement in the delivery of programs and services for all students, including students with special education needs.
- Effective community based partnerships will assist in closing the achievement gap for all students and enhance delivery of services supplemental to the current services offered in Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
- Services provided by external providers must not be in conflict with provisions of Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board collective agreements and employment agreements with Board staff.

#### References

*Policy/Program Memorandum 149*

#### Administrative Procedures

Guidelines for Provision of Services by External Agencies including Regulated Health Professionals, Regulated Social Service Professionals, and Paraprofessionals

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