# **GOVERNING BOARD OF A SCHOOL**

This diagram provides an overview of the composition of a school governing board. The exact composition may vary from school to school. It is important to refer to the *Education Act* in all circumstances.

At least

parents of students
attending the school

attending the school.
These parents are not members of the school staff and are elected by their peers at a general assembly.

At least
2
parent substitutes
must be elected

representative to the parents' committee

parent member elected as a

schools

For secondary

Secondary Cycle Two students (Secondary III, IV and V)

elected by the students at the school or, as the case may be, appointed by the students' committee or the association representing those students A maximum of

20

members

The principal attends governing board meetings but is not entitled to vote.

At least

4

members of the school staff

elected by their peers, including at least two teachers, one non-teaching staff member and one support staff member

For elementary schools

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member of the childcare staff elected by their peers representatives of the community

(without voting rights)
who are not members
of the school staff, appointed
by the members in
the other categories

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

- The positions of chair and vice-chair are assumed by parent members elected to the governing board.
   The chair and vice-chair hold their positions for one year.
- The school staff and the students can elect substitute members to replace regular members in case
  they are absent.
- All categories of school staff should be represented on the governing board to ensure that the entire school team can participate.
- Although community representatives are not entitled to vote at governing board meetings, they help
  to maintain close ties with organizations that share the school's interests and objectives.

# NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES

The school service centre determines the number of parents' and staff representatives on the governing board after consulting with each group and ensures parity between the two groups.

# SMALL SCHOOLS

Where fewer than 60 students are enrolled in a school, the school service centre may, after consulting with the parents of the students attending the school and with the school staff, vary the rules governing the composition of the governing board.

# **TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office of parents' representatives on the governing board is two years and the term of office of the representatives of other groups is one year.





