

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.



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.

