

FUNDRAISING / CANVASSING

Background

The Division believes that the operation of the jurisdiction's educational programs should be funded from the tax base and user fees. However, the Division recognizes the value of schools carrying out extra-curricular activities and projects which often require additional financial support. Similarly, the Division recognizes the educational value of student involvement in fundraising activities in support of worthwhile charities.

The Division permits individual schools to supplement available funds for non-curricular areas through fundraising activities. The Division permits school support of the fundraising initiatives of registered charitable organizations. In union with the pastoral teachings of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools agrees that it is not morally possible to actively seek funds that one knows are derived from large scale, commercial gaming.

Guidelines

1. School-Sponsored Fundraising Activities: For fundraising activities sponsored directly by the school the following applies:
 - 1.1 Student participation must be voluntary.
 - 1.2 Fundraising activities shall not detract from the curricular program.
 - 1.3 Fundraising activities shall not include door-to-door canvassing unless prior Superintendent approval is obtained in writing via form [F-520](#).
 - 1.4 The purpose of the fundraising activities and the intended use(s) shall be made known to students and parents.
2. Fundraising Activities Sponsored by Charitable Organizations or Groups Registered Under the Alberta Societies Act:
 - 2.1 Fundraising and canvassing initiated by a legally recognized society falls outside the jurisdiction of the Division.
 - 2.2 For schools participating officially in fundraising activities sponsored by registered societies or the school council the following applies:
 - 2.2.1 Student participation must be voluntary.
 - 2.2.2 The activity cannot detract from the school's curricular program.
 - 2.2.3 The purpose(s) of the fundraising activities and intended use(s) must be made known to students and parents.
 - 2.2.4 Fundraising activities shall not include door-to-door canvassing.

3. Gambling and School Fundraising

- 3.1 A school under the jurisdiction of Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division shall not share in the proceeds from casino, Video Lottery Terminal (VLT), lottery, bingo and other large scale, commercial gaming.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding Guideline 2, a school under the jurisdiction of Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division shall not receive casino, VLT, lottery, bingo and other large scale, commercial gaming revenue from a legally recognized society that is established for the primary reason to fundraise for that school.
- 3.3 Given that Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools partners with interagency services for children, youth and their families, and given that the revenue for such services is often derived from a variety of sources, it is not required that the Division or its schools verify the entire revenue source for interagency initiatives.

Procedures

1. All existing commitments to large-scale gambling revenues will be concluded by February 2010.
2. Subject to the preceding policy and guidelines, the Principal is responsible for approving:
 - 2.1 All school-initiated fundraising activities.
 - 2.2 Official school participation in the fundraising activities of a charitable organization or registered society.
3. The school Principal/designate is responsible for maintaining a record of all fundraising activities.
4. Any participation by the school in fundraising activities that involve canvassing or door-to-door public solicitation require prior approval from the Superintendent in writing via form [F-520](#).