

### **Underlying Values and Principles: Board Governance Policies**

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Governance is the authority of the Board of Education to set the policies and practices for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

The following four beliefs form the basis for the board's governance policies:

1. Governance is a manifestation of the board's mission, vision, virtues, and educational commitment. This belief is based on:
  - the hope and expectations of electors who are the Church,
  - unity of purpose with respect for diversity.
2. Governance is founded upon accountability and responsibility. This belief is based on:
  - gospel virtues as the basis for stewardship,
  - linkages which require transparent and open processes.
3. Governance is exhibited through servant-leadership. This belief is based on:
  - the Christian understanding of the human person and relationships,
  - recognition of the Board of Education functioning as a whole.
4. Governance processes and style are characterized by clear understanding of relationships, roles and responsibilities. This belief is based on:
  - knowledge that Jesus Christ is the model of human conduct,
  - the need to distinguish between the role of the board, that of the Chief Executive Officer and staff.

### **Board Approved**

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