

# **Board Policy 1**

## FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

### <u>Our Mandate</u>

Through the School Act, the Minister of Education and Childcare has vested in the Board the power and authority to govern the School District. Accordingly, the mandate of the Board is to provide appropriate learning opportunities delivered within the context of the Board's vision, values and strategic directions.

### <u>Our Vision</u>

We aspire to provide the finest educational experience in the country for the benefit of our children, our employees, our community, and the world.

### <u>Our Values</u>

<u>Excellence</u> We pursue excellence in everything we do.

<u>Inclusivity</u> We treat everyone respectfully, fairly and seek equity for all. We provide equal access to learning and respect, reflect, honour and value the diversity in our community

<u>Accountability</u> We strive to be approachable and to make our processes and decisions open and transparent

<u>Authenticity</u> We provide meaningful, authentic, and relevant learning experiences for all.

<u>Innovation</u> We pursue innovation by encouraging curiosity and a spirit of inquiry.

<u>Engagement</u> We build community relationships and encourage input.

<u>Happiness</u>

We seek happiness and well-being in the way we learn, work and play.



#### **Strategic Directions**

#### Educational Excellence

Education remains our core focus, and our commitment to achieving excellence in education and supporting students is our highest priority. We have a stellar reputation for academic strength, and we are determined to maintain and continually improve it.

#### Visionary Leadership

School boards are responsible to both their local communities and to the Provincial Government. The West Vancouver Board of Education takes seriously its responsibility to grow and maintain a vibrant public education system. We are committed to continually strengthening our connections with the communities we serve.

#### Successful Transitions

The next four years will see many transition challenges. We will support students, staff and parents, through these challenges.

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Besides representing West Vancouver Schools' unique geographic location, the lighthouse logomark also signifies enduring strength, guidance, leadership and responsibility, highlighting our district as a beacon of excellence in education.