



**AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 24-099**

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RESCISSION OF POLICY P.048.GOV BOARD GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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PURPOSE:

1. To seek the rescission of Board Policy [P.048.GOV Board Guiding Principles](#).

STRATEGIC LINKS:

2. The proposed rescission is consistent with the Board's policy review and development process and supports a commitment to effective governance. This aligns with the pillars of Learning, Well-being, and Social Responsibility under the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's (OCDSB) 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

CONTEXT:

3. An effective policy review cycle should include a consideration as to whether a policy can or should be rescinded on the basis that it is no longer relevant, required, or could be combined with another related policy. In this case, staff are recommending the policy be rescinded on the basis that the content is redundant and directly mirrors the language set forth in Policy [P.012.GOV Board Governance](#).

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

4. Development of Policy P.012.GOV
In order to understand the interrelationship between P.012.GOV and P.048.GOV, Board Services staff reviewed past minutes and reports related to the development and revision of the two policies. During the Planning and Priorities Committee meeting held on 6 June 2012, the discussion centred on [Report 12-126](#), which addressed the Policy on Board Governance (Policy P.012.GOV). The committee recommended that the Board approve the policy, as outlined in Appendix C of that report, with amendments. This recommendation was ultimately passed at the Board meeting on [12 June 2012](#).

The development of Board Policy P.012.GOV, which began with staff Reports 12-040 and 12-093 and culminated in Report 12-126, consistently referenced an intention to rescind Policy P.048.GOV, on the basis that the guiding principles



would be embedded in the revised Policy P.012.GOV. This intention was specifically documented in the appendices of these earlier reports. This is supported by the final approved version of Board Policy P.012.GOV, in which the language from Policy P.048.GOV has been incorporated almost verbatim into section 3.10, titled "Guiding Principles." Notwithstanding the intention to rescind articulated in the earlier reports, the policy was never removed from the public repository after the approval of the revised Policy P.012.GOV in 2012.

5. Risk Analysis of Policy Rescission

In assessing the potential consequences or risks associated with the rescission of any Board policy, staff would normally outline the mitigation measures in place to support the rationale that the policy is no longer relevant. In this case, the entire policy has already been incorporated into the current Board Policy P.012.GOV Board Governance and therefore there is no risk associated with the rescission.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

6. There are no communication or consultation issues associated with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Policy P.048.GOV Board Guiding Principles be rescinded.