



Huron-Superior Catholic

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY TITLE: PURCHASING

Approved: March 31, 1999
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POLICY

The Huron Superior Catholic District School Board will provide the highest quality of goods and services as efficiently and cost effectively as possible. In keeping with Catholic social teaching and our Mission Statement, the Board recognizes that the overall cost may include non-monetary factors such as impact on the environment, labour practices, service standards and energy efficiency.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Board believes in the fair and equitable treatment of vendors and as such, adheres to the Ontario Ministry of Finance Integrated Supply Chain Management Guidelines and the laws of Ontario and Canada.
- The Board encourages vendors to obtain products that have been verified to be manufactured without utilizing child labour and in accordance with ethical manufacturing practices. Suppliers must agree to provide full disclosure and independent monitoring of manufacturing processes, if requested by the Board.
- The Board supports “green” products and services. All criteria being equal, preference will be given to environmentally friendly products and services.
- Where, in the opinion of the Board, little disparity exists regarding quality and/or cost, preference will be given to goods made in Canada.
- The Board encourages and promotes standardization of products throughout the Board.
- The Board believes in and participates in, cooperative purchasing with other Broader Public Sector (BPS) partners as recommended by the Ministry of Finance Supply Chain Guideline and Ontario Buys.

<u>ADOPTED</u>	Board Meeting - March 31, 1999 Motion B-65		<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting – June 18, 2003 Motion B-63	i)	Trustees
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting - February 21, 2006 Motion B-30	ii)	Administration
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting – April 14, 2010 Motion B- 37	iii)	Principals
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting – March 21, 2012 Motion B-21		
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting – October 19, 2016 Motion B-79		
<u>AMENDED</u>	Board Meeting – June 5, 2018 Motion B-263		
