

## **Canadian Anthem Policy**

### **Policy Overview**

This policy outlines the Halifax Regional Centre for Education's commitment to play the Canadian National Anthem in its schools every day.

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### **Policy and Procedure History**

- Policy approved – September 23, 2009
- Policy revised – March 25, 2015
- Procedures approved – September 23, 2009
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#### **1.0 Legislative Context**

- 1.1 A motion was approved by the House of Commons that made O Canada the National Anthem of Canada, 1965.

#### **2.0 Principles**

- 2.1 The Canadian Anthem is a symbol of honour and pride and shall be played and/or sung in all HRCE schools each school day.

#### **3.0 Authorization**

- 3.1 The Regional Executive Director of Education is authorized to develop and implement procedures in support of this policy.

**4.0 Policy Review**

4.1 This policy will be reviewed every five (5) years or on an as needed basis.

# Canadian Anthem Procedures

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### 1.0 Responsibilities

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#### 1.1 School Administrators are responsible for:

- 1.1.1 Ensuring the national anthem, O Canada, is played and/or sung in school each day;
- 1.1.2 Exempting students from patriotic exercises where there is a parental/guardian request in writing.

#### 1.2 Teachers are responsible for:

- 1.2.1 Providing students with the lyrics of O Canada;
- 1.2.2 Instructing students, with the exception of those who are exempt from participating, to stand for the playing/ singing of the national anthem in school each day;
- 1.2.3 Respecting the dignity of those who are exempt from participating in patriotic exercises;
- 1.2.4 Providing an environment that demonstrates respect for those students who are exempt from participating in patriotic exercises.

#### 1.3 Students are responsible for:

- 1.3.1 Demonstrating respect during the playing of the national anthem;
- 1.3.2 Standing for the playing and/ or singing of the national anthem, unless they are exempt from doing so.