

## National Anthem in Schools Policy

### Policy Release

#### Background

The Canadian national anthem is a symbol of patriotism and citizenship and intended to foster a sense of pride and connection to a larger community. This policy has been developed to provide guidance and direction to RCE and CSAP schools in Nova Scotia regarding playing the national anthem in schools.

#### Directive

Beginning September 2025, school principals will ensure that the Canadian national anthem is played at the beginning of each school day.

#### Implementation

Effective September 2025, all RCEs and CSAP will ensure the policy has been communicated to their schools by the effective date of the policy.

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