Education and Early Childhood Development

Policy and Information Release

This notice is intended for Regional Centres for Education (RCEs), Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), and principals. Please convey to all staff for whom this information is relevant.

September 2025

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.

Original signed by

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