

SD-42 POLICY: 9510

FLAGS ~~OF~~ CANADA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education ("Board") ~~believes the flags of~~ recognizes the flags of Canada and British Columbia ~~as are an symbols of national and provincial identity and requires their display important part in the celebration of Canada as a country and British Columbia as a province.~~

~~The Canadian and British Columbia flags will be displayed~~ at school district facilities, as prescribed in the School Act and Regulations, following the flag protocol established by the Province of British Columbia. Other flags may be displayed with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

The principal of ~~each~~ school, ~~other than a distributed learning school, site~~ must ensure that the Canadian flags of Canada and ~~the~~ British Columbia flag are displayed at ~~each the~~ school while in session.

AUTHORITY

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of this policy to the Superintendent and authorizes the Superintendent ~~of Schools~~ to establish procedures ~~that will to~~ guide ~~its the~~ implementation ~~of this policy~~.

HALF-MASTING

Schools will fly their flags at half-mast on appropriate occasions, to bestow an honour or express a collective sense of sorrow ~~;~~

~~Flags flown at half-mast will be~~ by special instruction of the federal or provincial government, the Board, or the Superintendent of Schools. These occasions include, but are not limited to, the following a general protocol as followings:

(a) National (all schools):

On the death of the Sovereign or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (spouse, ~~son or daughter, father, mother, brother or sister~~ child, parent, sibling);

On the death of the Governor General, the Prime Minister, a former Governor General, a former Prime Minister; ~~and~~

On Remembrance Day, November 11; and

On National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30., if the school is flying its flag(s) on that day.

(b) Provincial (all schools):

On the death of the Lieutenant Governor or the Premier.

(c) School District (all schools):

On the death of a current Trustee ~~or Superintendent of Schools~~.

(d) School (~~school affected only when school is in session~~):

~~On the death of a current student or staff member; and~~

On the death of the Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding in which the school is located.

Flags would normally be half-masted upon the death of a person listed above, up to and including the day of the funeral or memorial service.

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References:

School Act, sections 5 and 175; B.C. Reg. 265/89 School Regulation

Province of BC Flag Protocol: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/office-of-the-premier/intergovernmental-relations-secretariat/protocol/flags>