

## Administrative Procedure 553

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### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO A POLITICAL PARTY** (Provincial Fund-Raising and Provincial Political Contributions)

#### **Background**

A School Board within the Province of Alberta cannot make political contribution nor reimburse an individual for a political contribution because a School Board is considered a “prohibited corporation” under Section 1(1)(l)(iv) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* (the Act).

#### **Procedures**

1. The Board must not make a direct payment for individuals to attend a political activity.
2. Individuals may not submit a claim to be reimbursed for expenses incurred to attend a political activity.
3. To comply with *the Act*, the school board may reimburse the individual who attends a political fundraiser only for the amount that is allowed as an expense. The individual is responsible for paying the contribution portion and is therefore entitled to an official tax receipt.
  - 3.1 For example: if the ticket price is \$100, \$25 is deemed as the expense, and \$75 is deemed as the contribution. Only \$25 may be reimbursed by the school board.
4. The School Board may compensate administrators for attending meetings and events as representatives of the institution. This compensation is not subject to *the Act*.

Reference: Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (*the Act*)  
-Section 1(1)(l)(iv) – Prohibited Corporation  
-Section 23(3)(a) – Eligible Contributions

