

73 ELECTORAL AREAS BYLAW

Section 30 of the *School Act* establishes the requirement to have a Board of School Trustees for each school district in the province. Section 30 also sets out the composition of the Board and in general terms provides the manner in which trustee electoral areas are to be established. Under the *School Act* the Minister of Education makes the final decision regarding trustee electoral areas. Residents of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) will be best served by electing school trustees from trustee electoral areas that are fair and reasonable. From time to time local boards may receive requests to vary the trustee electoral areas established for the district. The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) desires to have a process in place to evaluate any such requests for electoral area variances. This process needs to be transparent, fair and reasonable, and applied in a consistent manner.

73.1 Prior to seeking public consultation, requests for trustee electoral area variances will be evaluated by the Board against the following criteria of: Relative parity of voting power is a prime condition of effective representation (i.e. representation by population).

73.2 Additional criteria are:

- (a) Representation by population balanced by region (i.e. not elected at large).
- (b) Applicant currently not effectively represented.
- (c) Positive/neutral impact on governance efficiency/effectiveness/cost.
- (d) Benefit to school district/students.
- (e) Similar to other government boundaries/regional/municipal.
- (f) Regional differences/character/diversity, community and minority differences.

73.3 In addition, the Board recognizes there may be requests involving unique circumstances that could support a variance.

The process used shall be as outlined in the attached "Trustee Electoral Variation Process"

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Trustee Electoral Variation Process

APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS

