APG# SS48: Guest Speakers in Schools

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In accordance with Bill 98 – *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023*, the following guidelines provide the expectations with respect to third party speakers or groups in schools.

A. Who the guidelines apply to

These requirements apply to all school events that take place during the school day whether organized by the school of by system staff that:

- involve a third-party speaker or group (e.g. guest speakers, live performances); are organized by a school, a department, a teacher or other staff member, including system staff, Catholic School Council or a student group; and
- that involves all students in a school, or students in multiple classes.

B. Requirements for sharing with parents and guardians

Information must be shared at least 14 calendar days in advance of the planned event through EDSBY and on the individual school website.

Note: if at any time, there is a change to a planned event or should arrangements at the school level not allow for 14 calendar days advance notice such as a change in speaker, limited planning time, the school is required to provide the information to parents/guardians as soon as final arrangements are finalized.

The notice must include:

- date and time of the activity:
- name(s) of the guest speaker(s) and the organization they represent, if any;
- title and location of the activity, together with the names of the presenters or performers; topic or focus of the activity;
- connection to the curriculum and/or the purpose of the activity; and
- details of any handouts, materials, giveaways, or literature provided. (see attached template)

Note: Schools are permitted to exclude certain information, such as date and time of the activity, where the school board determines that publicly posting this information would pose a safety risk to students and/or staff.

Principals or designates are to contact the school assigned Superintendent of Education in the event that further clarification is required with respect to these administrative procedures and guidelines.

References

Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023, S.O. 2023, C.11 - Bill 98



As per Bill 98 - *The Better Schools and Students Outcomes Act (2023*), we are pleased to advise you that the following guest speaker(s)/ performers will be presenting to students in grade(s) 9-12

Date of activity: (MM/DD/YY) 10/01/2025 - 06-01/2026	Time of activity: 12:30 - 1:30
Name(s) of guest speaker(s) or performers and the organization they represent (if any): Fynn Thomas and Alice Toni from Spirit North.	
Title of activity: Various	Location of activity: St. Alberts
Topic or focus of the activity: Spirit North offers land-based sport and recreation programs designed to	

strengthen health, well-being, and confidence in youth. The focus is on introducing students to outdoor sports, physical activity, and cultural connections to the land in a way that supports both physical and personal growth.

Connection to the curriculum and/or purpose of the activity: The program connects directly to the Health & Physical Education curriculum by:

- Promoting active living and participation in a variety of physical activities.
- Developing movement skills, teamwork, and cooperation.
- Supporting personal and social responsibility through goal setting, confidence-building, and respect for self and others.

Details of any handouts, materials, giveaway, or literature provided (if none please indicate):

- Facilitators are fully trained and certified, and they bring the necessary equipment for the sports/activities introduced.
- Teachers and students will be provided with opportunities to reflect and collaborate as part of the sessions.

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