

DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-5006
SUBJECT:	Electronic Communication, Anti-Spam Policy
REFERENCES:	Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)
	Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)
	Regulation 823, MFIPPA
	P-5004: Acceptable Network Use and Security
EFFECTIVE DATE:	May 26, 2015
AMENDED DATE:	April 29, 2025

"I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my instruction."

Proverbs 4:2

- 1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to effective and informative electronic communication with parents, guardians, students, staff, and the broader community, as anchored within DPCDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).
- 2. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) regulates commercial electronic messages which encourage recipients to participate in a commercial activity, even if it is not-for-profit.
- 3. CASL prohibits individuals and organizations from sending commercial electronic messages by any means of telecommunications, including e-mail and texting, unless prior consent has been provided by the recipient(s).
- 4. As a Catholic educational community, commercial activities may include, but are not limited to, advertisements or promotion of products or services such as school pictures, tickets for school plays, or fundraising.
- 5. Any commercial electronic message which is transmitted, distributed, or delivered via DPCDSB's network to either a single or to multiple electronic addresses requires advance consent from the recipient(s) and an unsubscribe mechanism.
- 6. All commercial electronic messages sent via DPCDSB's network must be compliant with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation.