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## **POLICY SECTION 110: Respect for the Wisdom of Elders**

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### **POLICY**

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education recognizes and values the wisdom and teachings of the community's Elders. The Board respects the education received from the Elders and the environment. It is the policy of the Board to seek innovative ways to integrate traditional teachings into the contemporary education system in order to provide our young people with the skills they need to survive in the modern world along with a firm knowledge of and respect for the past.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. The Board will ensure that Elders are invited to meetings of the Board for consultation in matters affecting the educational decisions of community.
2. Contributions by Elders will be recognized appropriately each year.
3. School principals will ensure that Elders are a part of the delivery of education programs by having staff work in partnership with Elders in such areas as;
  - a) Storytelling, native studies, native language;
  - b) Crafts;
  - c) Cultural programs and events.
4. All special events held in the schools will include an opening address and closing by an invited Elder whenever possible.