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## **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB) that schools provide detailed notice to caregivers at least 14 days in advance of any third-party speaker engagements or external presentations/performances. This notice will include any handout materials, giveaways, or literature that will be shared with students.

## **Rationale**

This policy aims to ensure that caregivers are well-informed about the content and relevance of third-party and external presentations/performances to their student's education. Benefits include:

- Enhanced transparency
- Strengthened trust
- Increased caregiver involvement
- Assurance of educational and curricular relevance

## **Guidelines**

1. **Essential Education Programs:** Superintendents and principals will determine which members of the community are essential to deliver effective and appropriate education programs based on local needs/priorities and/or board policies. These community members are not considered "guest speakers" or "third parties".



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2. **Curriculum Alignment:** All third-party speakers and external presentations/performances must have a direct connection to the Ontario curriculum or other identified school, board, or Ministry priority.
  
3. **Advance Notice:** Schools must provide detailed information to caregivers 14 calendar days ahead of any third-party speaker or presenter/performer's visit. The following items will be shared using existing system-supported communication tools:
  - The date and time of the presentation
  - The name(s) and background of the presenter(s) or performer(s) and the organization being represented
  - The title and location of the presentation/performance or activity
  - The topic or focus of the presentation/performance or activity
  - How the presentation/performance or activity connects to the Ontario curriculum and/or the purpose of the activity
  
4. **Materials and Content Disclosure:** Any handouts, giveaways, or literature that will be distributed must be shared with caregivers beforehand.