

# School Councils

## Vacancies of Elected or Appointed Members

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The office of an elected or appointed member becomes vacant if the member (s.92 of the Act):

- dies;
- resigns the member's office by signed notice of resignation:
  - for the council's chairperson (given to the school principal's supervisor); or
  - for another council member (given to the chairperson);
- is absent from three consecutive council meetings, of which the member has been given notice, without the school council's leave and without reasonable excuse;
- stops being eligible, under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* or the council's constitution, for election or appointment to the office; or
- engages in other conduct that is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of, or the facilitating of, the development and further improvement of the school for which the council is formed.

If the vacancy occurs in the office of an elected or appointed member during the currency of the member's term of office, another person must be elected or appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacating member's term (s.91(1) of the Act).

If the office of an elected or appointed member is vacant and, because of the vacancy, the membership does not comply with school council membership requirements specified in the constitution, the school council is taken to be validly constituted until either of the following occurs first:

- the day the vacancy is filled;
- the expiry of three months after the day the vacancy arose.