

## **EDUCATION: PROGRAMS**

### **Policy 512.14.1 (previously 602.14.1)**

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

The Board of Education (Richmond) recognizes everything in our ecosystem is interconnected and that all of our actions impact its well-being. The Board commits to being a responsible steward of our natural world through conservation and restoration and believes that public education can lead the way by developing an ethic of sustainability in all of our practices. We believe that all decisions and actions need to consider the triple bottom line (educational/social, environmental, and economic impacts).

The Board acknowledges it has a responsibility to educate students and provide opportunities for staff, to develop social responsibility, ecological literacy, sustainable behaviours and actions. The Board aims to develop effective environmental practices and strives to create and support transformational change and innovation within our communities through system-wide integration of environmental stewardship.

As a result of our shared guardianship of this planet, implementation of this policy shall be the joint responsibility of the Board, students and staff in collaboration with parents and our community.