

## **SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1. The National Flag of Canada shall be displayed on an exterior flagpole during normal hours of each school or working day. It is not contrary to etiquette to have the Flag flying at night.
2. New buildings shall be equipped with an exterior flagpole at the time of construction. Existing buildings not so equipped shall be provided with an exterior flagpole.
3. The National Flag of Canada and the Provincial Flag of Ontario shall be displayed in a prominent place inside each school.
4. Principals are responsible for monitoring the condition of, requesting the replacement of, and disposing of flags.
5. The National Flag must receive prominence at all times when displayed with other flags.
6. At the discretion of a Principal, a school may also display, on the flagpole or inside the school, the flag of the local municipality or other special purpose flag provided the flag meets acceptable community standards and is not directly connected with any political or religious group or cause.
7. Exterior flags throughout the system shall be lowered half-mast on the death of:
  - a) the Sovereign or member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (husband or wife, son or daughter, father, mother, brother or sister),
  - b) the Governor-General or former Governor-General,
  - c) the Prime Minister of Canada or a former Prime Minister,
  - d) the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario or a former Lieutenant-Governor,
  - e) the Premier of Ontario or a former Premier,
  - f) a Member of the Federal or Provincial Electoral Riding, and
  - g) a Trustee of the Board.
8. The Director of Education may order the lowering of flags to half-mast throughout the system or at an individual location, on the death of a person held in special regard in the system.
9. Exterior flags at individual schools shall be lowered to half-mast on the death of a present staff member or student.

10. Principals may lower exterior flags to half-mast on the death of any former staff member or student and non-employee such as volunteers, community resource persons, and soldiers from our board area who are held in special regard in the school or community.
11. Exterior flags shall be lowered at all board sites on Remembrance Day to acknowledge all Canadian soldiers – past, present and future – for their service for our Country.

Reference:

Education Act, Regulation 298 Operation of Schools – General, Section 5: Flag  
Government of Canada, Canadian Heritage