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## Background

Ends policies should remain dynamic and quantifiable to the extent that they mirror the Vision and Mission of the College as interpreted in the Strategic Plan.

The Board of Governors has approved the following Vision and Mission statements for Northern College:

**Vision:** Empowerment through learning to build a better world.

**Mission:** Building community across the North through partnerships and excellence in education.

In order for Northern College to be successful in achieving its Vision and Mission, the interests of our students, our staff and our communities must each achieve mutual gains.

## Policy

The Board of Governors is committed to the College being an engaged partner with its communities.

To achieve community engagement and partnership the College will:

- contribute to the economic and social prosperity of the communities we serve;
- develop and maintain partnerships with local businesses and organizations to ensure the right mix of training and labour force development strategies are in place;
- pursue and conduct an innovative research agenda that proactively responds to industry needs and provides experiential learning for our students.
- maintain a high profile locally, provincially and nationally;
- continue to promote itself as a postsecondary and skilled trades hub of excellence;
- support the demand for exceptional graduates to meet the strategic economic development agenda of northern communities.

## Monitoring System

The President will report on the Community Climate survey administered every year as a means of measuring the College's commitment and achievements related to these indicators. The President will report on applied research activity annually.