

WHAT is School Council?



School Councils are Bridges

School councils are the bridge to promote positive engagement in a school community.

The work of school council builds bridges in the school community, and becomes a bridge - connecting parents and community members to the school.

A school council is the gathering forum representing the collective parent voice in the school - ALL of the parents.

School councils are mandated in legislation to advise the principal and the school board on matters relating to the school. Their overarching purpose is to **support and enhance student learning**.

School councils can be a bridge for the school community to respect diversity, promote inclusion and safe and caring schools, through their activities and initiatives.

A quote that relates to school councils (*by lecturer Peter M. DeWitt*):
“Talking with families is important. You either build a bridge or a wall.”

Core Activities

- Advises the principal and school board on education issues that pertain to the school.
- Establishes and reviews school council’s goals, objectives, action plans and procedures.
- Communicates and consults with parents and the school community.
- Meets regularly.

Established school councils:

- focus on what is best for all students in the school
- consider the interests of all school stakeholders
- maintain and reflect the culture of the school
- represent the parent voice in the school community



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