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Penny Tees
President
British Columbia School Trustees Association
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Dear Penny,

BCCPAC values all of our opportunities to participate with our provincial education partners on all issues that support our students' successes and so we welcome the opportunity to be a member of the BCSTA Ad Hoc Committee to examine, determine best practices and promote the benefits of healthy schools and healthy children.

Our membership has been similarly concerned about student health and healthy schools. Over the last few years they have passed resolutions covering concerns ranging from daily physical activity, to body image, to proper nutrition, to the use of safe products in schools. The health of children affects their ability to learn, so BCCPAC is very committed to assisting with projects that will improve students' health.

BCCPAC's representative on this committee will be Ron Broda, 1st Vice President. We look forward to our organizations working together once again to support student health and success.

In partnership,

Kimberlee Howland
President

Attached: BCCPAC Member Resolutions

For reference:

BCCPAC Member Resolutions connected to Students Health in schools

2006.4 Safe Products

That BCCPAC urge the Provincial Government and all School Districts to review, from the perspective of children's health, all products used in schools that contain carcinogens, reproductive toxins, and endocrine disruptors, and replace them with non-toxic and environmentally safe products. This review is to include all chemicals and products that are used in classrooms, offices, maintenance, and cleaning, including school grounds and facilities. Where alternate products are not available, schools will eliminate the use of the product if at all possible and, where this is not possible, the students, staff, and parents will be advised of the proper handling of such products and be provided with the option of either not using or not being put in contact with the product.

2002.5 Mandated Body Image Curriculum

That BCCPAC lobby the Ministry of Education to ensure Career and Personal Planning (CAPP) curriculum includes mandated information and discussions with all students (male and female) to raise awareness of eating disorders and body image. Areas to be covered should be disorder signs, preventative measures, influence of the media and peer pressure.

2000.28C Poverty, Nutrition and Learning

That the Canadian Home and School Federation urge their Provincial affiliates to petition their Provincial Governments to help resolve the problem of poor nutrition for children and their families; and be it further resolved that Canadian Home and School Federation endorse the funding by both federal and provincial sources for emergency and long-term aid to undernourished students in schools across Canada.

2000.5 Daily Physical Education in BC Schools

That BCCPAC provide information to member PACs and DPACs to enable them to lobby their districts for daily physical education programs in their schools.

2000.10 Recommended Revision to School Athletic Policy

That BCCPAC recommends to the BC School Sports that it adopt the policy that all students who demonstrate a desire to play school-sponsored sports shall be given the opportunity.

That the players shall be allocated between the teams such that each of the teams will be of approximately equal ability.

That all players will play an equal amount of time as possible. These recommendations shall not apply to senior teams.