

MAPC Position Statement

Educational Focus

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MAPC's Mission Statement is *"to support, promote and enhance meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba."*

The well being of children is important to us all. There are many diverse organizations in our province whose objective is to look after the well being of young people in our communities. However, we must remember our mission statement and the limited resources we have available to us.

MAPC believes it is important to remember our mission statement and keep our focus on the well being of children within the education system. If we believe the cause being promoted fits within our defined mission, then we will consider giving our support.

However, if the recommendation of an organization does not fall within our mission, no matter how worthy the cause, we need to seriously consider whether MAPC should formally commit its support.

What initially appears to be a simple request for support may, upon further investigation, prove to be more complicated. By considering potential far-reaching implications we would remain true to our mission statement and responsible to our members.

Rationale:

MAPC would like to share this position, as representative of its members, with our education partners (including the Minister of Education), and the media.