

MAPC Position Statement

Effective Consultation with Parents May 2007

MAPC supports the development of an effective consultation process with parents on any matters that pertain to education or parental involvement. In the past, the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth has accepted MAPC as a partner around the table during consultation meetings and in the curriculum development process.

MAPC is the recognized voice for parent councils in Manitoba and should be included in the consultation process as the representative of parents, parent councils or topics pertaining to students. By including MAPC in the consultation process, it will allow us to disseminate the information to our members and therefore provide proper feedback throughout the process.

MAPC feels that, while the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth does recognize MAPC as a full partner and accepts MAPC and MAPC's input in the consultation process, there are other government departments and provincial agencies who have yet to recognize MAPC's importance in the consultation process.

THEREFORE, we respectfully request that the Government of Manitoba adopt a uniform consultation process that includes MAPC in any consultations that involve parents, parent councils or topics pertaining to students.

Rationale:

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