

MAPC Proposed Resolution
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Equal Status for All Formally Recognized Parent Advisory Councils in Manitoba

Background

In 1996, Manitoba Education and Training established the Advisory Councils for School Leadership regulation as a means of formally recognizing the role of parents in a governance related group within school communities. Formal guidelines were laid out to ensure that the operation of - and inclusion of - parent groups operating in a school community would be formally recognized and respected as an essential part of the learning system. Groups operating under these guidelines would be recognized within the province as an Advisory Council for School Leadership. This legislation allows for growth in its partnership strengths and standings within its school community, allowing for greater participation and involvement.

Introduction Statement

Many parent groups throughout the province continue to struggle with building and maintaining sound governance groups within their school communities. The challenges may range from geographic to low numbers of actively involved parents. Each group must ensure its continuity by developing best practices within their respective school communities. These practices may meet the guiding principles outlined within the ACSL regulation, even though the group itself may not be recognized as an ACSL.

Action Requests

That Manitoba Association of Parent Councils request of the Minister of Education to revisit the 1996 ACSL legislation to recognize and support the importance and authority of all recognized Parent Advisory Councils in the province to provide a level and consistent playing field for all forms of parental involvement in Manitoba's public school system.

Submitted by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Board of Directors for consideration at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.