

MAPC Position Statement
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Provincial Education Partnerships

Background

Since 1912, parents and educators have worked together to discover how parents can support learning in geographically, socially, and culturally diverse school communities throughout Manitoba. The creation of Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) is founded in the belief in the importance, as well as the critical role, that parents play in the education of their children. Research also demonstrates that strong home and school partnerships, which include engaged parental involvement in school communities, contribute to student success.

Introduction Statement

*In 2007 MAPC membership approved the **Effective Consultation With Parents Position Statement**, requesting that Manitoba Education adopt a process to include MAPC in consultations pertaining to parents, parent councils, and students.*

http://www.mapc.mb.ca/PDFs/Position%20Statements/EFFECTIVE_CONSULTATION.pdf

Since that time, MAPC has become recognized as one of the five major education stakeholders in education (along with Manitoba Teachers Society, Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, Manitoba School Boards Association, and Manitoba Association of School Business Officials) and now represents the parental voice in all education matters in Manitoba (with the exception of DSFM). This responsibility was confirmed with the amendment to the Education Administration Act in 2013 - Parent Groups for Schools.

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/40-2/pdf/b014.pdf>

Action Requests

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils requests that the Minister of Education and Training and Education Stakeholders continue with their commitment to the inclusion of the parent voice in discussions and consultations regarding education matters impacting students and their families in Manitoba. MAPC believes that collaborative partnerships in education, such as those currently enjoyed, are the keystone to strengthening the citizenship of the province by ensuring that every child has access to excellence and opportunity within the provincial public education system.

Submitted by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Board of Directors for consideration at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.