

MAPC RESOLUTION
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Protecting Students With Concussions in Manitoba Schools

- *Respectfully submitted by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Board of Directors for approval by membership at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.*

Background

Parents and schools have a shared responsibility to foster an environment which considers the health, safety, and wellbeing of all students in a school community. Ongoing training and education relating to the prevention, identification, and treatment of concussions due to injuries has been identified as an area of recommended policy and protocol development by Pan Am Sports Clinic, Sports Manitoba, and the Manitoba Government.

Introduction

It is widely understood that medical emergencies can happen at any time in any place. In cases where students experience collisions with objects or other people at a high rate of speed a head injury and/or concussion may occur and immediate treatment is critical to prevent further brain injury.

It is widely understood that the best response in emergency situations is to be well prepared in advance. In the case of concussions, Sports Manitoba endorses **Parachute's Return To Learn** protocol, regarding student workload and physical activity during the school day and at home. Sports Manitoba also endorses **Parachute's Return to Sport** protocol, regarding daily and physical activity during the healing process following a concussion.

<http://horizon.parachutecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/RTL.pdf>

<http://horizon.parachutecanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Concussion-ReturnToSport.pdf>

In 2017, Honourable Minister Rochelle Squires introduced **The Concussion in Youth Sport Act**, which would require all school divisions to develop return to play and learn protocols for pupils who are suspected of sustaining a concussion when participating in school sports or other school activities.

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/41-2/pdf/b037.pdf>

In response to media reports regarding advocacy work being done by leading experts in Manitoba, some school divisions are in the process of discussing, creating, or implementing protocols for students suspected of sustaining a concussion while participating in school sports or other activities.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/classes-after-concussions-study-looks-at-when-it-s-safe-1.2586532>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-concussion-expert-advocates-for-province-wide-protocols-1.3125834>

Action Request

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils requests all school divisions in Manitoba to create protocols for students suspected of sustaining a concussion while participating in school sports and other activities.