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Canadian Home and School Federation

CHSF is a national, non-profit and non-partisan umbrella organization for ten provincial affiliates, representing parents committed to improving the quality of education available to their children.

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) is a national organization representing provincial parent organizations—the national equivalent of BCCPAC. CHSF is the only organization uniting parents across Canada on issues of common national interest in public education. All ten provincial parent organizations are members.

The CHSF board of directors is made up of representatives from its members. BCCPAC is represented by a director selected by the BCCPAC board each year. Executive officers of the CHSF board are elected by the directors.

The CHSF board meets twice a year, for a Mid-Term meeting in the fall and an annual general meeting in the spring. Parents share valuable information and compare parent involvement province to province.

Because there is no federal ministry of education, CHSF does not restrict itself to educational issues, but also considers health and welfare, environment, and citizenship.

Decisions made by the CHSF membership at their annual general meeting come to the BCCPAC membership for ratification at our AGM. Once approved, these decisions become part of BCCPAC's Statement of Policy. See **Tab 20, The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils**.

CHSF Mission Statement

“The Canadian Home and School Federation, the national voice of parents, promotes excellence in public education as well as the social well being of children and youth.”

Vision Statement

“Excellence in public education for all children and youth in Canada”

Objectives of CHSF

Complete information on the Canadian Home and School Federation can be found on their website at

www.canadianhomeandschool.com

To be the national voice of parents in promoting quality public education and well-being of children and youth, including

- (a) to promote the welfare of children and youth
- (b) to foster co-operation and understanding between parents and educators in the education and guidance of children and youth
- (c) to inform and educate parents and the public on key issues impacting children, schools and education through research, reports, and media
- (d) to represent parents to the federal government and national organizations interested in the education and well-being of children through presentations and joint action
- (e) to foster high ideals of citizenship and to promote through educational means national and international good will and peace
- (f) to liaise with other national and provincial organizations representing students, parents, teachers, school support staff, principals, administrators, school trustees/commissioners, and the broader community
- (g) to support the provincial and territorial organizations of the Federation by disseminating information, developing and implementing joint activities.

National Teacher Staff Appreciation Week

CHSF sponsors National Teacher Staff Appreciation Week, held across Canada every February.

