

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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The mandate of the Family of Schools District Advisory Councils is to help shape an education system that is focused on and meets the needs of learners, by advising the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture on education matters. Students, parents and teachers will have a stronger voice in shaping public policy in education.

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DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILS ARE TO:

- Advise the Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture on education issues
- Identify education priorities within their own district
- Engage school communities in discussions
- Foster collaboration among school councils, home and school associations and the community

Government is creating pathways for the critical players – students, teachers, principals and parents – to give meaningful input into the delivery of the highest possible excellence in education to our students. We also recognize the important role of Home and School Associations and the meaningful advice they can provide.



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The Minister will receive advice directly from the advisory councils and will consider this information in the setting of goals, standards and priorities to benefit student learning.

The councils will consider a balance between local issues brought forward by council members and topics that the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture is seeking advice on. For example:

- Student attendance
- Length / time of school day
- Rezoning
- Learner supports
- Technology in learning
- Experiential learning opportunities
- Student transitions from primary to secondary levels

THESE COUNCILS WILL CONSIST OF:

- One parent from each school council/home and school association in the family of schools
- Two students from high schools within the family of schools
- A Regional director of the PEI home and school federation for the family of schools
- Each advisory council will select its own Chair

In the spirit of transparency and accountability, the councils' minutes, meeting notes and reports will be made public. The first meetings of these new advisory groups are scheduled for January 2016.

As we move forward, we will ensure there will be a collaborative and inclusive approach to including the French language learning system in advisory councils.

These eight district advisory councils are loosely based on the existing families of schools.

Family of Schools	Enrolment
Bluefield	3,017
Charlottetown Rural	3,796
Colonel Gray	3,178
Three Oaks	3,054
Kensington/Kinkora	680/445
Montague	1,863
Morell/Souris	554/587
Westisle	2,143



“Youth have a unique perspective and important things to say. They are highly capable of making a valuable contribution to education governance. The voice of youth needs to be heard on an ongoing basis. Students are the reason the system exists.”

- Charting the way, PEI Education Governance Commission (2012)