

**Prince Edward Island  
Home and School Federation**

**Proposed Resolutions  
&  
By-Law Revisions**

**Annual General Meeting  
April 12, 2025**

## **RESOLUTION 2025-01     ADD MILK PRODUCTS TO PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM**

**Submitted By: Englewood Home and School Association**

**WHEREAS** white milk, subsidized through the PEI School Milk Foundation, and chocolate milk are available for purchase through many Island-based schools, and

**WHEREAS** families wishing to order milk need to navigate multiple ordering systems and/or processes, often with unique scheduling deadlines

**WHEREAS** schools and/or home and school associations on Prince Edward Island wishing to provide milk or chocolate milk for purchase for their students are required to purchase and maintain individual software solutions and/or spend a significant amount of time managing orders on a recurring basis, and

**WHEREAS** lower-fat milk products are identified as a positive source of protein on Canada's Food Guide (Canada's Food Guide), and

**WHEREAS** white milk, though subsidized through the PEI School Milk Foundation, still has a fixed cost for families, often with associated administrative fees that can be prohibitive for low-income families navigating food insecurities, and

**WHEREAS** liquid milk products are not currently available through the PEI School Food Program's Pay-What-You-Can model, and

**WHEREAS** child food insecurity on Prince Edward Island remains among the worst in the country (CBC News, 2024), and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Prince Edward Island Public Schools Branch work with the PEI Department of Education and Early Years, PEI School Milk Foundation, and PEI School Food Program Inc. to initiate a study to determine the feasibility of incorporating white milk and/or chocolate milk into the Pay-What-You-Can model offerings within the PEI School Food program.

**DESTINATIONS:** PEI School Food Program Inc.  
PEI School Milk Foundation  
Department of Education and Early Years  
Public Schools Branch

### **REFERENCES:**

1. Campbell, Kerry. "2 in 5 Island children living with food insecurity, says Statistics Canada report." *CBC*, 23 May 2024, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-pol-food-insecurity-1.7211554>. Accessed 9 August 2024.
2. "Eat protein foods - Canada's Food Guide." *Canada's Food Guide*, <https://food-guide.canada.ca/en/healthy-eating-recommendations/make-it-a-habit-to-eat-vegetables-fruit-whole-grains-and-protein-foods/eat-protein-foods/>. Accessed 9 August 2024.

## **RESOLUTION 2025-2      BEHAVIOUR RESOURCE SUPPORT IN ISLAND SCHOOLS**

**Submitted by Somerset Home and School Association**

- WHEREAS** there is a recognized need for additional support in managing student behaviour in schools across Prince Edward Island, and
- WHEREAS** Behaviour Resource positions are not currently included in the Minister of Education and Early Year's (DEEY) staffing allocations, and
- WHEREAS** the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has implemented Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports (PBIS) in 64 schools with positive outcomes; and
- WHEREAS** the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) has acknowledged the increasing demand by piloting PBIS in the 2024-2025 school year, and
- WHEREAS** the presence of dedicated behaviour resources in schools is essential for students with behavioural challenges and improving the overall learning environment, and
- WHEREAS** PBIS has been shown to improve school climate, reduce exclusionary discipline, increase opportunities for positive interactions and relationships between school staff and students, and create learning environments that support both social development and academic growth;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests that the Department of Education and Early Years and the Public Schools Branch consider adding Student Behavior Intervention Resource positions in consultation with principals for future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, wherever there is a need in island schools.

**DESTINATION:**      Department of Education and Early Years  
                                 Public Schools Branch

### **REFERENCES:**

1. Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports, [https://pbis.nbed.ca/roles\\_responsibilities/](https://pbis.nbed.ca/roles_responsibilities/)
2. Response to Intervention for Behaviour, NB August 2017  
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/Inclusion/ResponseToInterventionForBehaviour.pdf>

**RESOLUTION 3-2025: SUPPORT FOR CANADA'S ONLINE HARMS ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN DIGITAL SPACES**

Submitted by Souris Home and School Association

**WHEREAS** the digital world poses significant risks to children, including sexual exploitation, promotion of self-harm, bullying, and exposure to hateful content, and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-63, introduced to the House of Commons on February 26, 2024 by Justice Minister Arif Virani, proposes a **new Online Harms Act** to create regulations that hold social media services accountable for reducing exposure to harmful content on their platforms, and

**WHEREAS** on December 4, 2024 Virani announced the Liberals' online harms legislation will now proceed on two different tracks with **one bill** to tackle protections for children, combating online child sex predators and policing revenge porn and the **second bill** to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code to deal with inciting violence, terrorism or engaging in hate speech (1.), and

**WHEREAS** the Online Harms Act specifically targets seven types of harmful content, including content that sexually victimizes children, content used to bully children, and content that induces children to harm themselves, and

**WHEREAS** the proposed legislation aims to promote online safety for all Canadians, with a specific emphasis on children's physical and mental health

**WHEREAS** the Act would establish a Digital Safety Commission of Canada to administer the framework and a Digital Safety Ombudsperson of Canada to be a resource for users and victims, and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of an Online Harms Act in Canada is a critical step in protecting children in digital spaces and promoting their safety, health, and well-being online;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation requests the Government of Canada to enact the Online Harms Act, with a focus on measures that protect children from online exploitation, bullying, and harmful content; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon social media platforms and online service providers to fully comply with the requirements of the Online Harms Act, implementing comprehensive safety measures to protect children and youth using their services.

**DESTINATION:** Federal Justice Minister

**BACKGROUND:**

1. Liberals split online harms bill to postpone debate over policing hate speech Minister says protecting kids from violent threats, child sex predators, revenge porn will be a priority CBC Dec. 4, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/liberal-government-split-online-harms-bill-1.7400882>

**RESOLUTION 2025-4      PROTECTING STUDENT, PARENT, AND TEACHER  
PERSONAL DATA**

Submitted by Queen Elizabeth Elementary Home and School Association

**WHEREAS** on January 7, 2025, a cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, the student information system used by Prince Edward Island schools, resulted in unauthorized access to personal data of past and present Island school members, including names, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, and other sensitive information, and

**WHEREAS** the breach exposed highly sensitive records spanning decades, including medical information, custody arrangements, and disciplinary notes, impacting over 70,000 individuals in PEI alone, with similar incidents affecting schools nationwide;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation calls upon the federal government to:

1. Enact comprehensive legislation to strengthen data protection measures for educational institutions and third-party service providers, requiring encryption, multi-factor authentication, and annual cybersecurity audits.
2. Establish clear guidelines for the retention and deletion of outdated personal information, ensuring data minimization and prohibiting indefinite storage beyond operational necessity.
3. Mandate strict penalties for non-compliance with privacy laws, including fines for failure to implement safeguards or promptly disclose breaches.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the PEI Home and School Federation urges the provincial government to:

1. Conduct a thorough review of all third-party educational technology providers, requiring proof of compliance with federal privacy standards (e.g., PIPEDA) before contract renewal.
2. Implement mandatory cybersecurity training for school staff and administrators, emphasizing secure data handling and phishing threat recognition.
3. Adopt data minimization policies to limit collection of non-essential personal information, particularly for historical records.
4. Require transparent reporting of breaches within 72 hours of discovery, with detailed public disclosures and individualized notifications.

**DESTINATIONS:** Federal Justice Minister  
Minister of Education and Early Years, PEI

**BACKGROUND:**

1. PowerSchool Cybersecurity Event, The Guardian, Feb. 7, 2025  
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/powerschool-cybersecurity-event>
2. Cybersecurity breach exposes data of more than 70,000 P.E.I. students, teachers, Public Schools Branch  
<https://www.saltwire.com/prince-edward-island/cybersecurity-breach-exposes-data-70000-pe-i-students-teachers>
3. Personal data of 70,000 Island students stolen in PowerSchool breach, CBC Jan 31, 2025  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-powerschool-data-breach-update-1.7447385>

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**ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS**

**ADD:** (7) Member Emeritus means any provincial board member in good standing who has reached their board term limit in the PEIHSF.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

**ADD:** Member Emeritus (non-voting) status shall be open to provincial board members in good standing who have reached their board term limit in the PEIHSF. They may attend meetings by invitation, offer advice and support, and otherwise contribute to the organization's success. Persons are to be appointed by the PEIHSF board with timeframes and decisions governed by the same.

**ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

(7) A quorum ... Meetings of the Corporation shall be a simple majority of all Local Associations whose Fees for the preceding year have been paid in full at the time of the Annual Meeting...

**Change: a simple majority (50%+1) to one third majority**

**ARTICLE XVI - REMUNERATION**

(1) No director, officer or Member of the Corporation shall receive any honorarium for their services; but may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses approved by the Executive Committee.

**ADD:** One exception applies: The president shall be entitled to receive an honorarium for their services with an amount determined by the Corporation's board of directors.

**ARTICLE XX - SIGNING OFFICERS**

(1) All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by any two of the President, the Vice-President, the Executive Director and the Treasurer.

**ADD:** any two of the following: President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director

**MOTION:** To adopt PEIHSF By-Law revisions as circulated.

Moved by

Seconded by