

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION
APPROVED RESOLUTIONS, APRIL 12, 2025

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

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 and non-dairy products 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.

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RESOLUTION 2025-02 BEHAVIOUR RESOURCE SUPPORT IN ISLAND SCHOOLS

- 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 the Department of Education and Early Years (DEEY) and the Public Schools Branch (PSB) to add a minimum of 0.5FTE student behavior intervention resource positions to future staffing allocations by the Minister of Education, in all island schools.

DESTINATION: Department of Education and Early Years
 Public Schools Branch

REFERENCES:

1. Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports, 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>

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RESOLUTION 2025-03 SUPPORT FOR CANADA'S ONLINE HARMS ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN DIGITAL SPACES

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: Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of PEI
Premier of Prince Edward Island

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>

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**RESOLUTION 2025-04 PROTECTING STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS
PERSONAL DATA**

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 the 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: Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of PEI
Premier of Prince Edward Island
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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