



## Why get involved in the Parent School Support Committee?

Parents, principals & teachers can work together to make contributions to the quality of education and schools in New Brunswick.

Working together provides opportunities for improvements in academic success, creating a positive learning environment and developing stronger volunteer programs.

You can help impact positive change and take part in improvement planning by getting involved in the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) in your school.

## What is the role of my PSSC?

Parent School Support Committees provide advice, feedback, and direction to the principal and school administration.

This important role includes providing advice to the principal on:

- school policies,
- partnerships within the community,
- maintaining a positive learning environment,
- supporting the language and culture of the school,
- planning for school improvement.

## Where does my PSSC fit into the education system?

**Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)** sets provincial standards and expectations for achievement.

**District Education Council (DEC)** provides policy and oversight to ensure schools are operating effectively and efficiently, and that the decisions at the district level reflect community needs and desires.

**Parent School Support Committee** focuses on the education priorities and improvement for your school.

## What are the PSSC responsibilities?

PSSC members do not have individual authority but work collectively to assist in the following areas:

- Help the principal on education issues
- Develop and monitor the School Improvement Plan
- Review the School Performance Report
- Assist with developing school policies
- Communicate with the DEC
- Provide input into the hiring of the principal and vice principals
- Provide input into the performance evaluations of the principal and vice principals







## Who are the members of the PSSC?

The PSSC will have between 6-12 members. Most members are parents of students in the school who are elected (or appointed) for a 3-year term. The number of parent positions on the committee is determined by the size of the school.

A Home & School Association may appoint one member.

If your school has high school students, the students will elect a student representative. If your school doesn't have high school, the PSSC may choose to appoint a student.

The teachers in your school will elect one representative for the PSSC.

The PSSC may also appoint 1-2 community members to join the PSSC.

Your principal will participate in all PSSC meetings and will bring reports and updates to the committee for input and review.

## How can I get involved as a parent member of the PSSC?

Parents of students in your school elect parent members at a meeting organized by your school principal in September of each year.

If you are interested in being a parent member, talk to your principal or PSSC members about vacancies and eligibility requirements. There are no special skills or experience needed. However, there are some limitations; for instance, you cannot be an employee who works at the school.

To serve as a community member, you must be nominated by a parent member of the PSSC.

Contact your principal, talk to your school's PSSC, or visit [www.decnb.ca](http://www.decnb.ca) for more information on education governance in NB.

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Working Together to Improve our School