

Directors of Education,

Re: Parents in Partnership – A Parent Engagement Policy for Ontario Schools
Consultation – draft Policy

Parents are vital partners in education. A new parent engagement policy will recognize many different forms of parent engagement and that each is an important contributor to student and school success.

The Ministry of Education is conducting a consultation process for a new parent engagement policy. In order to facilitate broad consultation, an on-line survey is now available at www.ontario.ca/EDUparents. Feedback is invited from groups and individuals from across the province.

On the website you will find the draft document “Parents in Partnership – A Parent Engagement Policy for Ontario Schools”. We have also developed a facilitation guide which you may find useful if you are leading a group discussion and providing consolidated feedback on behalf of your group. We have attached copies of these documents for your convenience.

School Councils are also being invited to provide feedback through the online survey; both the consolidated feedback of their School Council, and as individuals.

We invite you to participate in the online survey, and appreciate you sharing the opportunity with others. Members of groups or organizations are invited to provide comments through the online survey by December 31, 2009. There is a link for individuals who wish to give feedback ([General survey for individuals](#)), and a link for the consolidated feedback of groups ([Survey for consolidated groups](#)).

For anyone who has any questions or would like more information, please contact our Parent Engagement Office at 416-327-7988.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to receiving your feedback on this important Ministry policy initiative.

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