

School Council Chairs,

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

Parents are vital partners in education. A new 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 seeking feedback on the new parent engagement policy draft. Prior to the finalization of the policy draft, we would like feedback from School Councils 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.

Parent Involvement Committees and other education stakeholders have also been invited to provide feedback on the draft policy.

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.

Please provide your comments through the on-line survey at www.ontario.ca/EDUparents. There is a link specifically for consolidated group response ([Survey for consolidated groups](#)).

Members of your School Council may wish to respond as individuals as well. There is a second link for individuals who wish to give feedback ([General survey for individuals](#)).

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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