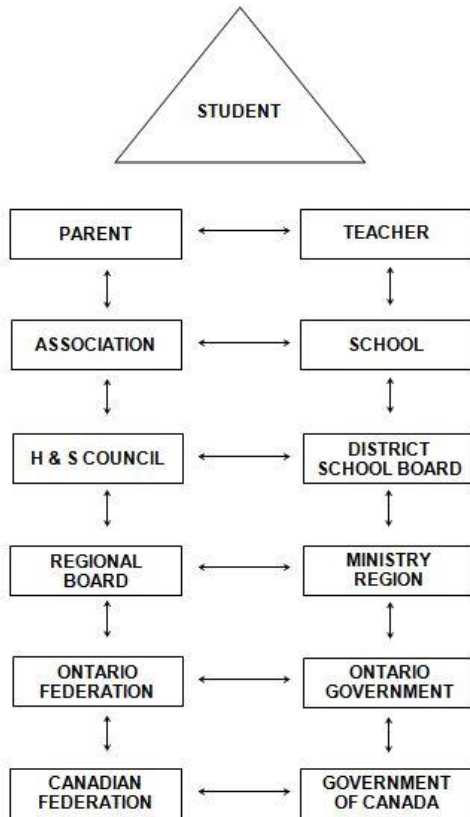


The OFHSA Structure



OFHSA's Successes

OFHSA was instrumental in founding Block Parents, making bicycle helmets mandatory, changing traffic regulations regarding school buses, achieving access for parents to Ontario Student Records (OSR's), lobbying for compulsory immunization for school-aged children and introducing Safe Arrival Programs to Ontario schools.

OFHSA's Ongoing Efforts

OFHSA continues to advocate for issues such as caps on class sizes which are dependent on grade levels, libraries in every school staffed by teacher-librarians, school travel plans and the return of full-time school nurses.

The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations is **dedicated to helping YOU** as parents, members and educators, to advocate for children, youth and their families.

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"The Best for Each Student"

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Did You Know?

The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), established in 1919, was the first provincial Home and School Federation in Canada. OFHSA is a member-driven organization with the purpose of promoting the welfare of children and youth.

Membership is open to all persons, age 18 years and over, who are interested in the welfare of children and youth, and who subscribe to the purposes, beliefs and objectives of OFHSA. The annual membership fee includes liability insurance coverage while involved in Home and School activities.

OFHSA is a member of the Canadian Home and School Federation.

OFHSA was incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act on January 4th, 1933.

OFHSA is a registered charitable organization and, as such, can issue official receipts for income tax purposes.

Charitable Number: 870729266RR0001

OFHSA members have a voice at all levels of government. As a member you will also become better informed, be more involved in your school community, and gain satisfaction from volunteering.

OFHSA has its own Constitution and Bylaws. OFHSA also has a policy document built through a formal resolution and voting process for members. Policies cover all aspects of education and various issues that affect children, youth and their families.

OFHSA believes in one publicly-funded education system.

OFHSA responds to initiatives and changes proposed by the Ministry of Education. Members, through their Home and School membership, have input to legislation before it is brought before parliament. OFHSA has representation at many government and partnership tables.

OFHSA lobbies the provincial government to effect legislation which improves conditions for children, youth and their families.

OFHSA works to raise awareness of issues affecting quality education.

OFHSA provides mentoring and leadership training for members through workshops, procedure guides, brochures, flyers, OFHSA mailings, and a website.

OFHSA holds a Conference and Annual Meeting where delegates from across the province attend workshops, form policy, set direction for the organization and discuss matters pertaining to the education and welfare of children, youth and their families. It provides a wonderful opportunity for members to network, exchange ideas, pick up fundraising information and make new friends.

OFHSA produces the *OFHSA Bulletin* newsletter three times each year for distribution to H&S members. *Virtually Yours*, the e-newsletter is sent to subscribers approximately every six weeks.