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The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations is an independent organization that fosters ideals of co-operation and partnership within our schools as well as within our community.

Our members consist of men and women who have an interest in advocating for the needs of children, youth and families. They support a strong public education system, parental involvement and co-operative problem solving.

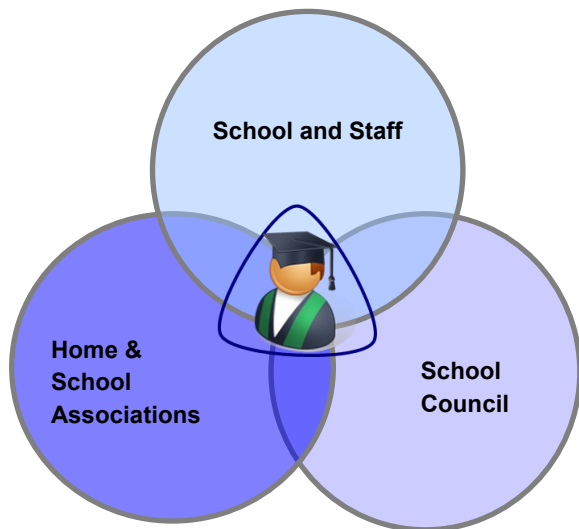
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HOW TO PROMOTE PARENT VOICE

with the

**Ontario Federation of
Home and School
Associations**





Parent Voice at the School

- To have a safe place to go and voice your opinion
- To be an advocate for your child's education
- To achieve a better sense of community within your school and make your school the social hub of the community
- To support student extra-curricular activities through fundraising initiatives
- To feel like your voice is being heard without judgement
- To have an avenue for making sound decisions / ownership of decisions being made by other concerned parents

Home and School Associations

Directed by the members and for the members, an association's purpose is to have informed and pro-active conversations to support education in our homes, our schools and our communities which support "The Best for Each Student".

Parent Voice at the School Board

- To gain knowledge about school board incentives and programs
- To strengthen parent relations within the school board
- To be aware of school board policies that are available for comment and review
- To support other associations within your school board district
- To network with other involved parents and gain knowledge and ideas that can be applied at your specific school

Home and School Councils

Home and School Councils provide support, guidance and leadership to the local associations. They are included on Parent Involvement Committees and communicate member's concerns and provide feedback to the school board keeping in mind "The Best for Each Student".

Parent Voice at the Provincial Level

- To have the opportunity to respond to Ministry of Education documents
- To provide our members voice on Ministry of Education committees
- To advocate for children, youth and families within the province through policies adopted by members
- To network with parents across the province regarding concerns and best practices

Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA)

OFHSA takes direction from its membership. Our policies allow us to speak with a collective voice provincially for Home & School members about education, health and safety, and social issues as we strive to obtain "The Best for Each Student".



The Best for Each Student

To Start An Association At Your School, Contact

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