

# Parent participation

Parents are vital partners in their children's education. Study after study show that parental involvement is a major factor in a child's academic success. Volunteering is an exciting option for those parents who want to be more directly involved in their children's education.

Some of the other ways to become more involved with your child's education are:

- Parent Advisory Councils
- District Parent Advisory Councils

## Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)

The PAC is the legislated parent voice at the school level advising on any matter relevant to the school. The PAC represents the collective view of parents of children in the school. PACs also work with school principals to promote effective two-way communication between the school, the parent community and School Planning Councils.

All parents and guardians of children in a school are automatically members of that school's PAC and entitled to attend and vote at general meetings. Contact your school to find out more about the Parent Advisory Council.

## District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)

The DPAC is the legislated parent voice at the school district level, representing the collective views of PACs in a school district. A DPAC advises the school board on any matter relating to education in the school district. DPACs advocate for parental involvement in the education system and give input into the development of education policy and curricula.