



## Orientation and Training

Information sessions and training for school councils in matters like running a meeting and preparing minutes can be arranged.

To plan an orientation session or a workshop on a specific topic, speak with your school principal, who will contact the appropriate people at district office. Support and information are just a phone call away!

## Other Resources

School Council Liaison Officer  
Department of Education  
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St. John's, NL A1B 4J6  
(709) 729-3286

Federation of School Councils  
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[www.nlfsc.ca](http://www.nlfsc.ca)

## Make a Difference! Get Involved.... With Your School Council

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# Nova Central School District



## Get Involved ... with Your School Council

**Learning Empowers Students  
& Broadens Opportunities**

## What are School Councils?

School councils are established, in accordance with the Schools Act, 1997 for Newfoundland and Labrador. Individual schools hold elections for their councils, but members can also be appointed when necessary. Each council should consist of eight (8) to fifteen (15) members. Council members include the school principal along with teacher, parent, student and community representatives. School councils play a very important role in school life. Parent and community support are vital to a well-functioning and successful school.

## School Councils do What?

School Councils are advisory bodies to principals, with a focus on student achievement and school development. Councils are established annually and elect a chairperson. It is recommended that the chairperson not be an employee of the school board. They meet on a regular basis (usually monthly).

School Councils do not run the school or take the place of the school principal and teachers as educational professionals.

**“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.”**

John C. Maxwell

Councils approve school budgets and contribute to the development of school-based policies.

## Assessment and Planning

The results for Criterion Reference Tests (CRTs) and public exams are available for each school. Over the course of the year, council members can review the results for their school and support the school to improve student achievement.

## School Board Consultations

School council chairpersons have an opportunity to meet annually with the Director of Education and local school board trustees to identify issues of concern, and to receive updates on matters like the board’s strategic plan.

## Community Relations

School councils are an important link between schools and parents. They have a key role to play in reaching out to all parents and getting more of them involved and active in their school.

## Fundraising

School-based fundraising supports many extra-curricular activities. School councils approve fundraising activities on behalf of their school.

