



School Council Survey 2009-2010

People for Education is an independent parent-led organization working to support public education in Ontario's English, French, and Catholic schools.

With the help of school councils and principals across the province, we keep track of things like school councils and parent involvement, and the effects of policy and funding changes on programs and resources in Ontario's schools. We publish the results of findings from our Annual Elementary, Secondary and School Council surveys in the *People for Education Annual Report on Ontario Schools*.

You can complete the survey either in hard copy or online at www.peopleforeducation.com. Click on *School Survey*.

We will send a summary of the results to all participating school councils, and the full report is available on the People for Education website. If at all possible, please fill in the survey at a School Council meeting.

Please complete your survey online or return your completed survey by January 31, 2010.

Mail or fax this completed survey to:

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**Individual school responses will remain confidential.
Only overall results will be published.**

District School Board:	
School:	
Includes grades:	
Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Phone: ()	Fax: ()
School Email:	
Contact Person:	
Phone: ()	

1. SCHOOL COUNCIL

A) What do you see as the School Council's most important roles?

(1 = most important, 5 = not important)

Please rate each of the following:

	1	2	3	4	5
Holding school community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancing communication between the school and parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising for the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working on school policies with the principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Healthy School initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting school safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working on the School Improvement Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B) Of the above, on which activities does the School Council spend the most time?

(in order of time spent)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Does your school house any of the following: health clinic parenting centre employment centre

public library child care centre adult education program other (please list) _____

3. COMMUNICATION

A) What is the most effective way you communicate with the parents in your school community? (Please check only one)

newsletter/notice website email phone tree Synervoice meeting(s) other _____

B) What is the most effective way for you to get parents' feedback or input? (Please check only one)

survey meeting(s) suggestion box interactive website other _____

C) Are you notified of education policy changes by:

	Always	Often	Occasionally	Never
The principal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The school board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Ministry of Education?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and/or Regional Parent Association?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D) Do you have any communication tips/best practices you would like to share? _____

4. BOARD LEVEL PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A) Do you have a Regional School Council or regional parent association? yes no

B) Are you aware of your school board's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)? yes no

If yes:

How do parents get to be on the PIC? don't know elected by parents selected by board staff or director

other (please explain) _____

Does your school council receive information from the PIC? yes no don't know

Is there a mechanism for giving input to the PIC? yes no don't know

(If yes, please describe) _____

5. FUNDING

The Ministry of Education allocates to school boards \$500 per year for each school council.

A) What does your school council spend it on? (Check as many as apply.) workshops social activities

enhance communication (website, newsletter, email) other (please list) _____

B) Did your school council apply for a Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO) this year? yes no

If yes, What did you apply for? _____

6. FUNDRAISING

A) **Approximately** how much money will be fundraised by parents, students and staff in 2009/2010? \$ _____

Do you fundraise for any of the following? textbooks classroom supplies (E.g. Math, Science materials, teaching aids)

computers and/or software sports Library arts music/musical instruments field trips

charity student activities (graduation, awards, etc.) playground school renovation or additions

general upgrades to school (roof, furnace, paint, furniture, etc.) other

B) Who has final authority about how fundraised money is spent? (Check as many as apply.)

school council Home & School principal teachers students other

Does your school council/parent association have its own bank account for fundraised money? yes no

7. YOUR SCHOOL

A) (For elementary schools) Who supervises students before/after school hours, lunch and recess breaks?

(Check as many as apply.) teachers principal/vice-principal volunteers paid supervisors

educational assistants other _____

B) (For elementary schools) Does your school follow the 'Balanced Day' schedule? yes no don't know

C) Do the students in your school have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument during school hours? yes no

Does your school have a band or an orchestra? yes no

Do the students pay a fee for any of the above? yes no
