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## What is Home and School?

The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) is an independent, non-profit organization that has been advocating for the best for students in Ontario since 1916.

OFHSA was founded when Ada Mary Courtice, a Trustee for the Toronto Board of Education and the president of the Toronto Council of Home and School Clubs, united numerous clubs and parent organizations into Canada's first provincial Home and School Federation.

Home and School Associations provide their members with a forum in which to share ideas and concerns with other parents in their school, keep their members informed about the actions of their District School Board; and provide an opportunity for members to develop leadership skills through conferences and workshops.

Home & School Associations work co-operatively with school staff and administration to support and enhance programs within the school. Many associations help with nutrition programs, sponsor graduations, provide volunteers for pediculosis checks. In addition H&S Associations hold informational meetings on a wide range of topics including: homework, students and drugs, gambling, and internet safety.

Home and School memberships are purchased at the association (\$15 per year for an individual or family membership) and give the holder a membership in OFHSA, voting privileges at association meetings, coverage under OFHSA's liability insurance policy, access to the many resources provided by OFHSA, including 4 copies each year of the Bulletin, the H&S newspaper. In addition H&S members may attend the OFHSA Conference and AGM, held in April.

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The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, a province-wide network of dedicated members, is committed to informed and pro-active involvement in our homes, our schools and our communities to obtain the **"Best For Each Student"**

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# The Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations



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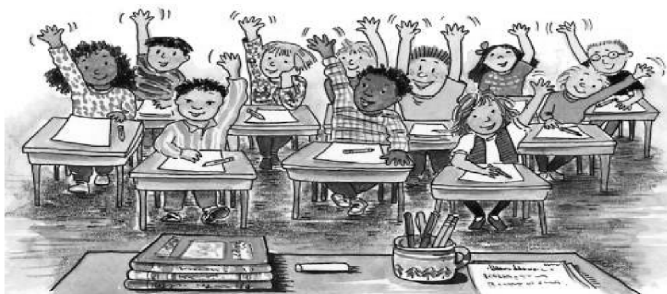
The Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home and School Associations is made up of two voting members from each Home and School Association within the HWDSB. From among these members an executive is elected.

The H&S Council meets on a monthly basis from September to June, at the Education Centre. Representatives from HWETL (HW Elementary Teachers Local), OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation), HWWPA (HW Principals Association) and a Trustee liaison regularly attend Council meetings.

Home and School Council has, or has had, members on the following HWDSB Committees: SEAC, FIAC, Equity Policy Development, Programs of Choice Review, Pediculosis Policy, Anaphylaxis Policy. H&S also has a seat on the steering committee of the Educational Archives and Heritage Centre.

## The Role of H&S Council

- ◆ offer training and support to H&S associations within the HWDSB
- ◆ increase H&S membership by assisting with the formation of new H&S Associations
- ◆ provide H&S representation to HWDSB committees, as requested
- ◆ work with our partners, teachers, principals and Board staff to address parent concerns and find mutually beneficial solutions
- ◆ represent the H&S members and Associations of HW at the OFHSA Board of Directors
- ◆ ensure H&S Associations are operating properly and in the best interests of members under OFHSA policies, with Bylaws and Financial Reporting procedures in place



## The Structure of Home and School

Student		
Parent	→	Teacher
H&S Association	→	School
H&S Council	→	District School Board
Regional Board	→	Ministry Region
Federation	→	Ontario Government
CHSF	→	Federal Government

## The Objectives of Home & School

- ◆ To obtain the best for each student according to his physical, mental, social and spiritual needs
- ◆ To promote the welfare of children and youth
- ◆ To raise the standards of home life
- ◆ To promote the care and protection of children and youth
- ◆ To foster cooperation between parents and teachers in the training and guidance of children and youth, both during and after the school period
- ◆ To give parents an understanding of the school and its work, and to assist in interpreting the school in all its aspects to the public
- ◆ To confer and cooperate with organizations other than schools which concern themselves with the care and training of children and youth in the home, school and community; and with the education of adults to meet these responsibilities
- ◆ To foster high ideals of citizenship and to promote through educational means, international goodwill and peace