



Some Quick Facts about H&S



- ✎ the first association in Hamilton was formed in 1927, and is still active
- ✎ today there are 24 active associations within the HWDSB, with over 600 members
- ✎ H&S membership is open to all individuals, 18 years of age and over, who believe in the aims and objectives of H&S
- ✎ membership is \$15 per year, for an individual or family
- ✎ when you buy a membership at a school you become a member of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) and the Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF).
- ✎ membership entitles you to voting privileges at your association, coverage under the H&S liability insurance plan, 4 issues of the Bulletin and the right to attend OFHSA's conference and AGM
- ✎ Conference provides a venue for members from across the province to meet, share ideas, attend workshops and celebrate their achievements
- ✎ at the AGM members set bylaws and policies to determine the direction for OFHSA
- ✎ OFHSA was incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act on January 4, 1933
- ✎ OFHSA is one of only four parent groups recognized by the Ministry of Education
- ✎ in schools with both H&S associations and School Councils legislation states that the H&S shall have a representative on the SC
- ✎ H&S monies are not subject to the procedures in place for School Generated Funds
- ✎ OFHSA has successfully advocated for: mandatory bicycle helmet use, Safe Arrival programs, compulsory immunization for school aged children, improvements in school bus safety standards, French as an elementary core subject, support for public education on TV, extension of family allowance and OHIP benefits for dependent students over 16 years of age, and schools remaining open on Remembrance Day.

The Ontario Federation of Home & 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".