

A photograph of two young girls, one with dark hair and one with blonde hair, looking intently at a book held by an adult. The girl with dark hair is wearing a red sweater, and the girl with blonde hair is wearing a grey vest over a white shirt. The background is a soft-focus grey.

Catholic School Council

Orientation Workshop

PRESENTED BY:
YORK CATHOLIC PARENT
INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



Welcome!

We would like to welcome you to the YCPIC
Catholic School Council Workshop



Congratulations!

We'd like to extend our sincere
congratulations to those of you that are new
to the Executive Member roles in your
Catholic School Council (CSC)



Agenda

1 Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

2 Introductions

3 Overview

- Role of Catholic School Councils
- Role of YCPIC (York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)
- Ontario Regulations, Guide for Members
- Board Policy
- School Constitutions

4 Breakout Room Discussions

Room 1

The Role of CSC Chair/Vice/Co-Chair

Room 2

Let's Talk About Money (Treasurer's role)

Room 3

How to take great meeting minutes

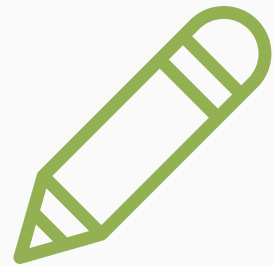
5 Wrap Up

7:00pm

7:45-8:45pm

8:45-9:00pm

Parking Lot



Questions?



Comments?

Park them



Let us Pray

Dear Father,

We thank You for everyone gathered here today.

We are thankful that You know each of us by name
and have chosen us to walk with You.

May Your goodness and love be present among us
during our time together.

Come fill our lives with Your love.

Come fill our conversations with Your grace and truth.

Come fill this meeting with Your presence.

We ask this in Your name.

Amen



Land Acknowledgement



Todd Jamieson
YCDSB Knowledge Keeper

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters
of all Indigenous Peoples who have left their
footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have
walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future
generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom, that
all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.



Parents as Partners

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, Principals, School Boards, Church, Government, and the School Community



Your involvement in your Catholic School Council gives you the opportunity to build that partnership, be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of Catholic education, and an accountable education system for all children.

Your involvement is valued and appreciated!

Thank you!



Why We Do What We Do

Parent engagement is the most significant factor contributing to a child's success in school

Research links parent engagement to:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Lower drop-out rates
- Higher on-time high school graduation rates
- More likely to go to post-secondary education

(Research based on Author Debbie Pushor)





"Great schools can become even better places to teach and learn, and student achievement often improves".

[Ontario.ca/EDUparents-Parents Matter](https://ontario.ca/EDUparents-Parents Matter)



Students

Parents

Teachers



Your Role

Catholic School Councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario

They provide a forum through which parents and members of school communities can contribute to the continuous improvement of student achievement

Why School Councils Exist

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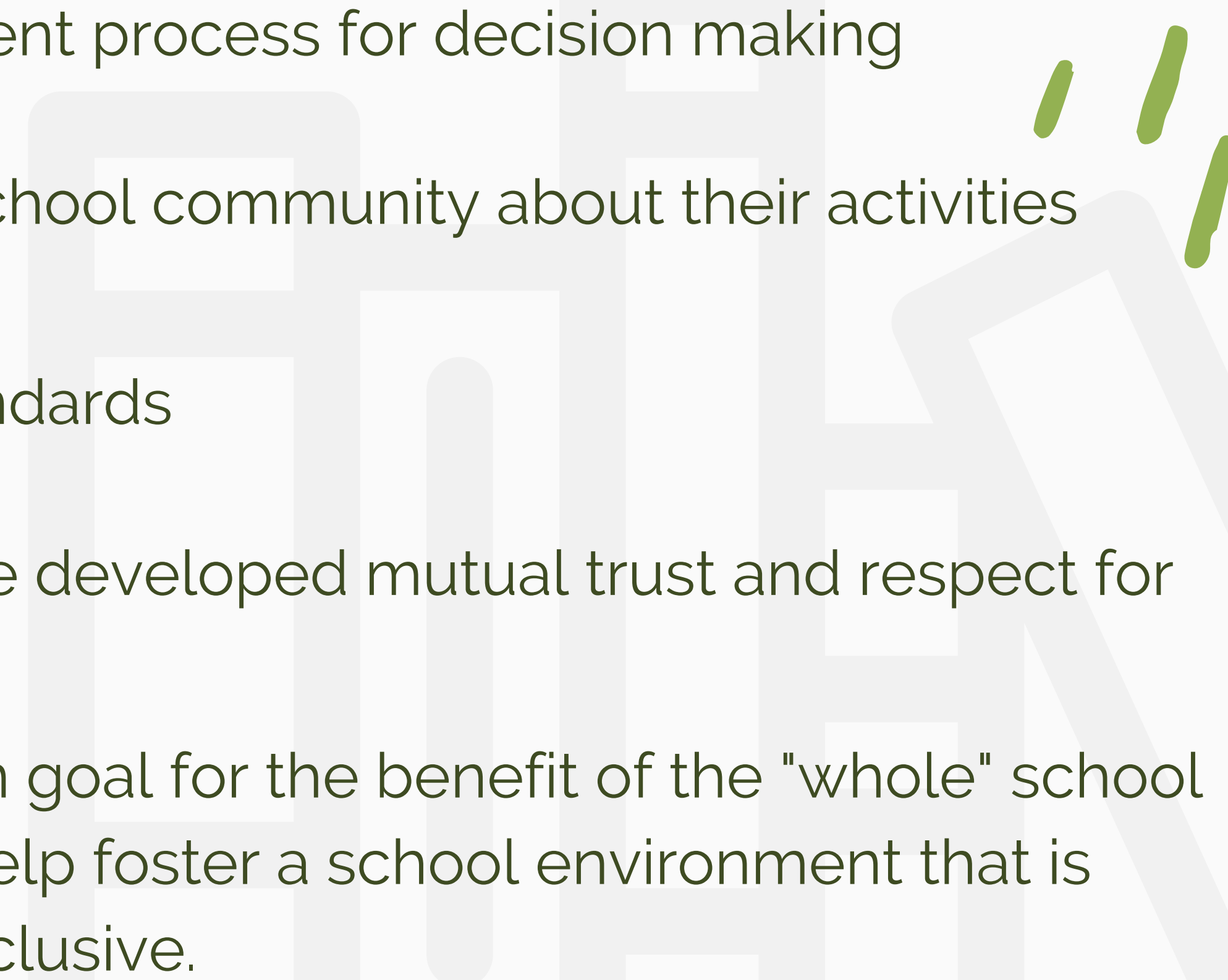
They assist in:

- 1 Improving student achievement
- 2 Enhancing the accountability of the education system to parents



Effective Catholic School Councils



- 1 Have a clear and consistent process for decision making
 - 2 Communicate with the school community about their activities
 - 3 Maintain high ethical standards
 - 4 Have members who have developed mutual trust and respect for one another
 - 5 Work towards a common goal for the benefit of the "whole" school community, in order to help foster a school environment that is equitable, diverse and inclusive.
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Tools Needed for Success

- 1 Ontario Regulation 612/00 (Ministry of Education)
- 2 YCDSB Policy 606 **Catholic School Councils**
- 3 By-Laws (School Constitution)
- 4 Board Multi-Year Strategic Plan
- 5 Define Roles and Responsibilities
- 6 Set Realistic and Attainable Goals
- 7 Operate Effective Meetings



Expectations

- 1 Work as a group with common goals
- 2 Be familiar with the Regulations and Policies
- 3 Develop working relationship with school Administration
- 4 Maintain a school/community-wide perspective on issues
- 5 Provide orientation and training for new members
- 6 Focus on community building activities which promote the school
- 7 Recruit and train volunteers
- 8 Share an "Annual Report" with the school community and submit it to the Board



Ontario Regulations (Ministry of Education)

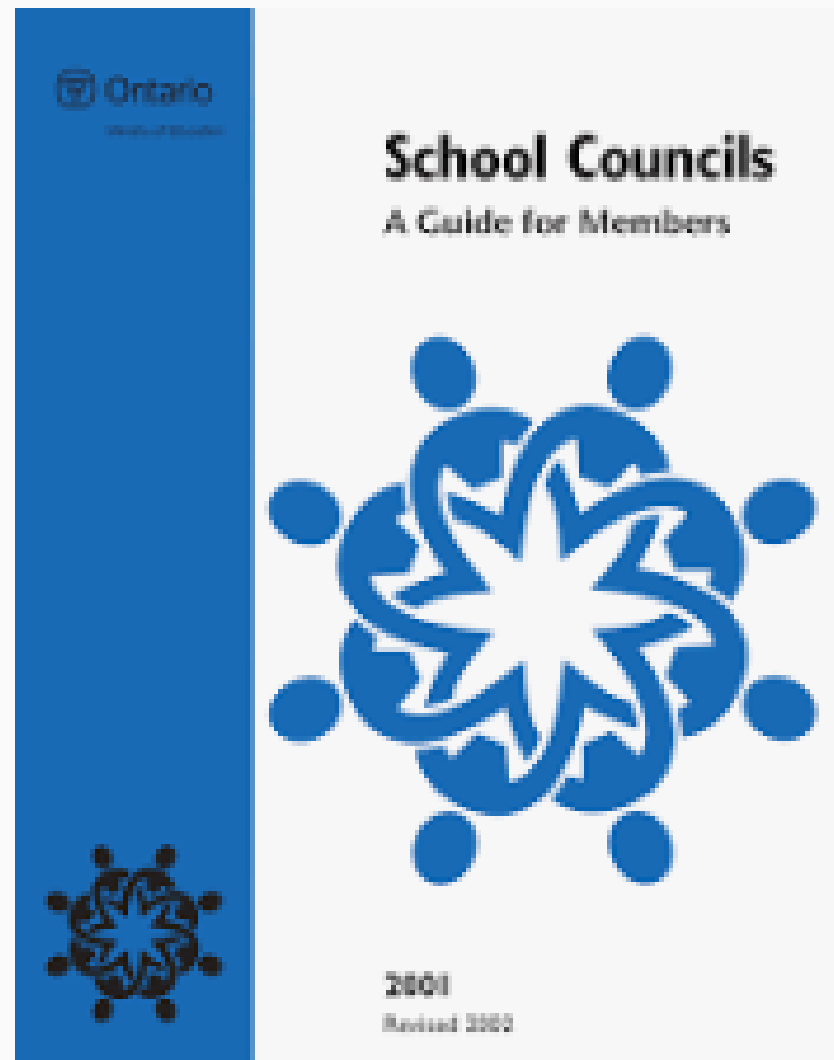
Ontario Regulations 612 and 298, together,
address 3 key issues

- 1 | Operational Matters
- 2 | Obligations of Board and Principals to consult with CSCs
- 3 | Purpose of Catholic School Council ~ Advisory Role

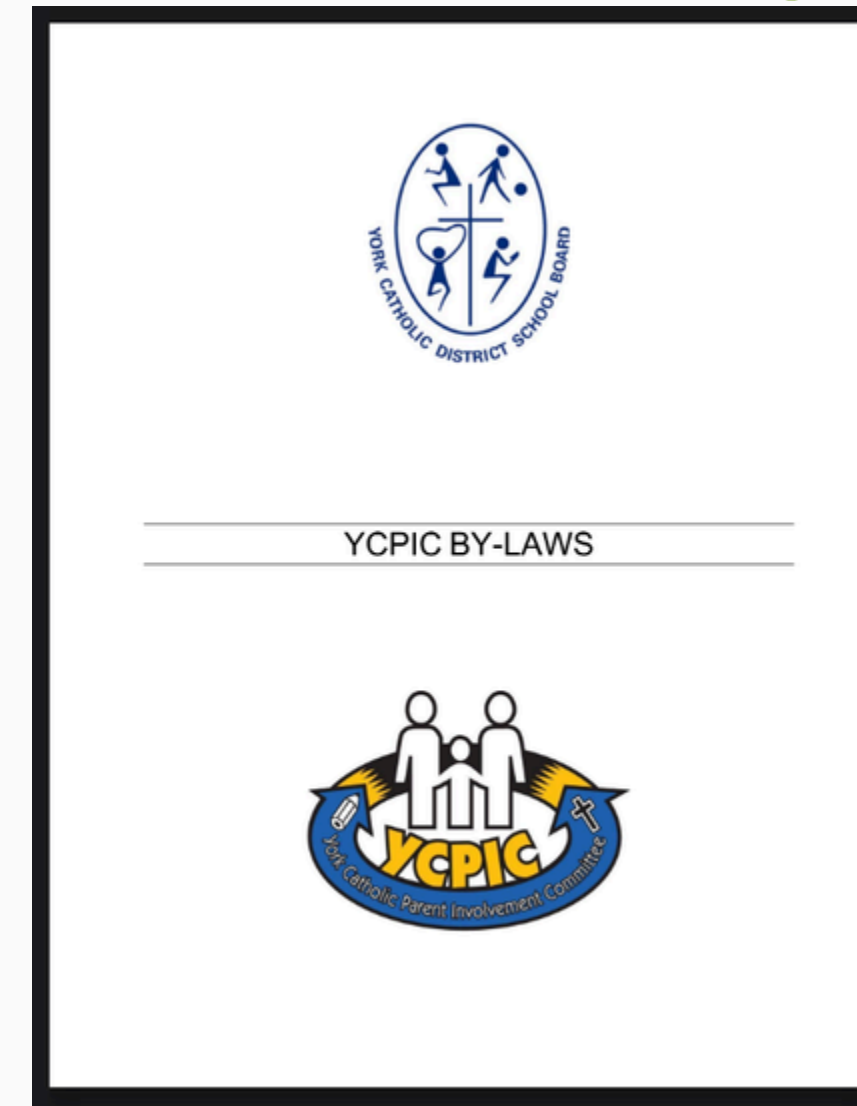
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Council Member Resources



Code of Ethics
Elections
Signing Officers
Filling Vacancies



YCPIC/CSC Resources

YCDSB POLICY

Catholic School Councils

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the YCDSB that each school will establish a Catholic School Council

Purpose:

The YCDSB, as per the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 612, School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees, requires that a CSC will assist the school in engaging parents, developing positive communication links with home, Church, and the broader community.

The Catholic School Council will also assist the school in realizing its goals and mission, in alignment with the Board's vision.

CONSTITUTIONS

(BY-LAWS)

- 1. Living documents**
- 2. Meet the needs of the community**
- 3. Provide direction and support**
- 4. Provide rules and an operating framework**
- 5. Assist in resolving conflicts**
- 6. Require an annual review (at first official meeting)**
- 7. Language is easy for all to understand**
- 8. Provides direction**



PRO GRANTS

(Parents Reaching Out Grants)

The Ministry has given a set amount of money to the school Board. As such, it will be up to each Superintendent to select those schools that receive funding, based on the criteria given. The funding amount is not as abundant as it used to be, however, schools are still encouraged to apply, and possibly partner with a neighbouring Catholic school, in order to better serve the monies received.






PRO Grant

School Councils are to identify projects that support the diversity of parent needs and parent communities at the local level through an **equity and inclusion lens**

- Addressing social inclusion and racism specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black, and anti-Indigenous racism and other prejudices toward racialized and marginalized groups;
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment;
- Demonstrating respect for parents as valued partners within the education system regarding decisions about their child's education;
- Enhancing communication with teachers;
- Informing parents about the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Parent Resources;
 - Parent Engagement Sessions;
 - Parent Information Sessions;
 - Projects that Reflect the Diversity of Your School Community
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Parent Engagement CSC

- Catholic School Councils will be allocated \$500 to be used to support programs, strategies and initiatives that involve parents or the school community.
- Catholic School Councils are to report to the school community at the end of the school year on how the funds were spent, and to include a separate line noting the Parent Engagement allocation and the amount spent in the CSC annual report.
- No applications are required. A dedicated sub ledger account will be established to track this funding and associated expense. Please advise your Catholic School Council Chair and Treasurer about the funding.

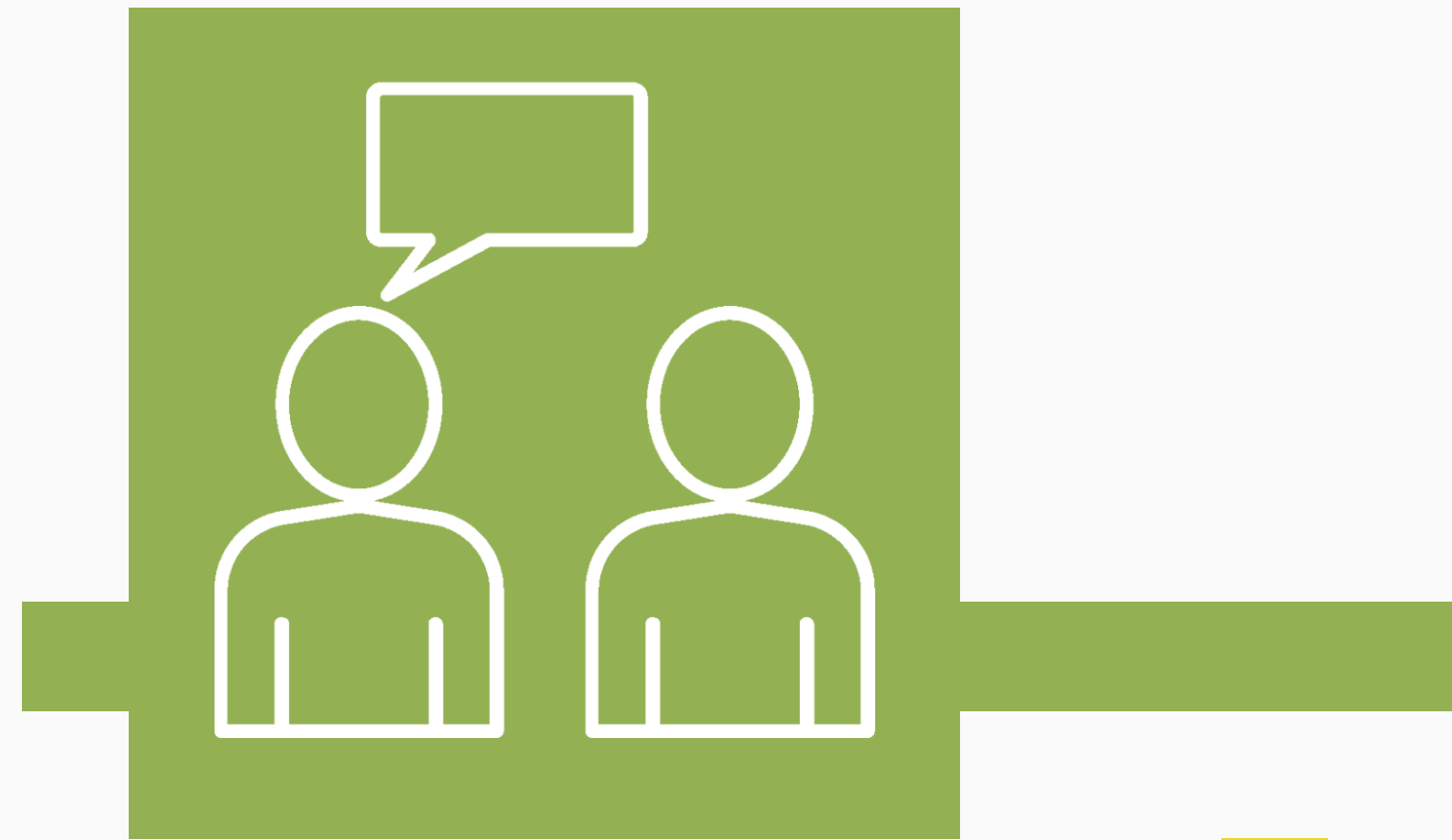
Any questions can be directed to your school Principal



BRIEF QUESTION PERIOD

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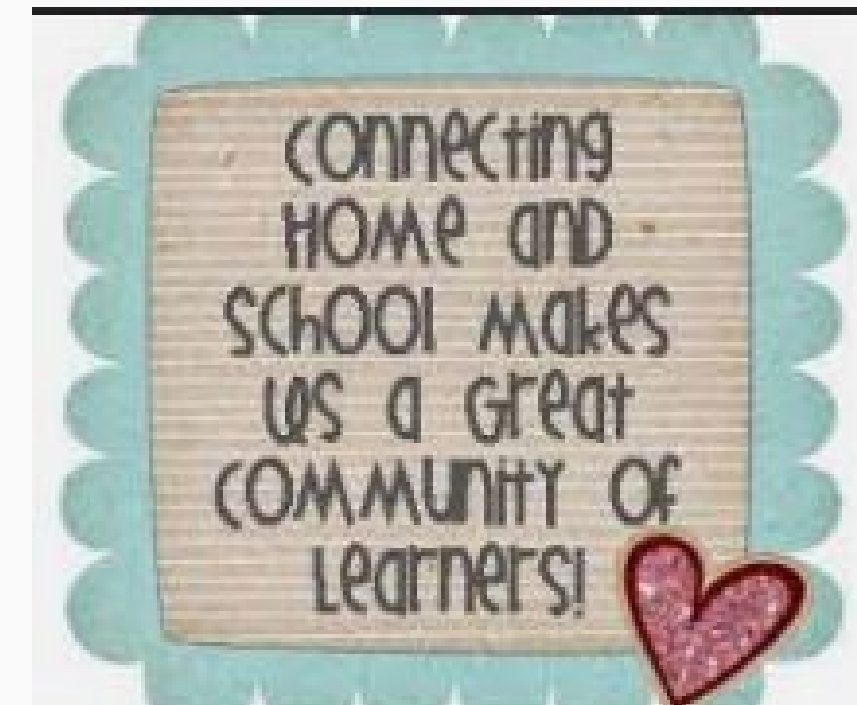
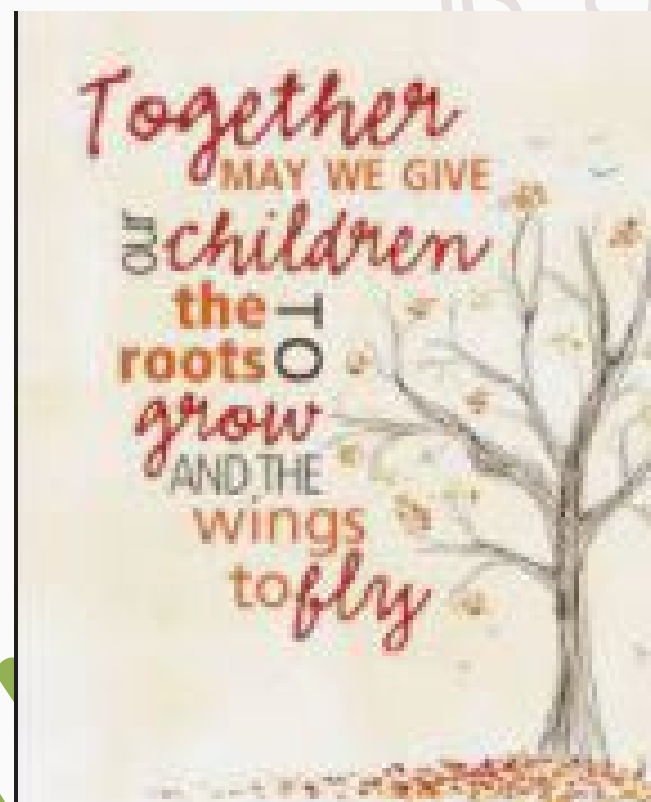
www.ycdsb.ca/parents/ycpic/contact-ycpic/

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THANK YOU



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

*There are two
— and only two —
keys to educational
success: hard work &
parental involvement.*
— Michael Farris, President
Home School Legal Defense Association

