

**Border Land  
School  
Division**

# Working Together with Parents

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## Parent Advisory Councils

Every school in Manitoba can establish a PAC and register with the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils. BLSLD has a divisional MAPC membership.

MAPC has a presentation entitled Roles and Responsibilities of Parent Councils. In this presentation, MAPC will explain the roles and responsibilities of Parent Advisory Councils. They will talk about the:

- Role of Parent Councils as defined by Manitoba Education,
- Role of a PAC within a school/school division,
- Responsibilities of operating a PAC,
- Advisory Council for School Leadership Legislation,
- Responsibilities of individuals serving on a PAC.

Border Land School Division encourages all Parent Advisory Councils to engage MAPC in sharing this presentation to begin their year as it enables a positive partnership to occur where the school and parents can work together to promote a positive learning environment for children.

MAPC also has published several other support documents to assist PAC in engaging with the school. The links for the MAPC webpage and some of those documents are listed below.

### MAPC Website

<http://www.mapc.mb.ca/index>

### MAPC Resources and Supports

[http://www.mapc.mb.ca/Resources\\_and\\_Support](http://www.mapc.mb.ca/Resources_and_Support)

### Empowering Parents: A guide to addressing concerns in Manitoba schools

<http://www.mapc.mb.ca/PDFs/Advocacy%20Guide%20APPROVED%20APR%202015.pdf>

### What if I have a concern ???

The Board advises the public that the proper process for sharing concerns is as follows:

1. staff member concerned,
2. principal or supervisor,
3. senior administrative staff,
4. superintendent
5. school board.

If the parent/legal guardian does not accept the decision of the Superintendent, the decision may be appealed to the School Board.

## Volunteering in BLSLD

We want and need to have volunteers in our schools. To volunteer in schools and/or chaperone trips in BLSLD, you are required to complete a child abuse registry check, a criminal record check, and a pledge of confidentiality.

The criminal check is done at your local police or RCMP detachment. The child

abuse registry check and pledge of confidentiality can be completed at your local school.

Local schools determine the need for volunteers and who is selected to attend events.

Please ensure your paper work is completed so you can be called