

# Take action, now!



## Become a District Education Councillor!



In every school across New Brunswick, the future – our future – is taking shape through our children.

Whether you are a parent, business person, trades person...or just have an interest in the education of our youth, our province's education system needs you.

In fact, because New Brunswick's public education system serves children from all walks of life, it is beneficial to have broad perspective and range of experiences among the individuals involved in the overall direction and management of our schools.

Consider becoming a candidate for a position as councillor on your District Education Council.

### What is a District Education Council (DEC)?

Established under the *Education Act*, a DEC consists of 7 to 13 education councillors elected for four-year terms.

Using the policies and standards of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as a framework, each DEC establishes objectives and policies aimed at addressing the particular priorities and needs of its district.

The education councillors take part in the decision-making process concerning goals and directions in education.

The DEC is responsible for the operation of the schools in its district in the areas of education, school performance, and infrastructure.

*The DECs and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have a common objective: providing the best public education system.*

### What are the main responsibilities DECs have for their districts?

DEC responsibilities currently include:

- hiring and evaluating the district superintendent;
- developing and adopting policies;
- establishing and monitoring the annual district plan and public district performance report;
- establishing and monitoring the district expenditure plan;
- monitoring student achievement;
- building community partnerships;
- setting priorities for infrastructure planning projects including capital construction, school establishment and closures;
- reviewing the school improvement plan and the school performance report for each school in the district to ensure they are consistent with the district education plan.

Each DEC normally holds one public meeting per month and other meetings and consultations as necessary.

*As a DEC member,  
you can help shape  
the education system  
in your district.*

One of the DEC's most important responsibilities is establishing the district education plan, which sets out:

- the vision;
- the mission;
- the goals;
- and the values of the DEC.

## How are the DEC's structured?

The province has seven school districts (four English and three French).

To ensure that all urban and rural areas are represented, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has divided each district into subdistricts. One member is elected for each subdistrict.

First Nation communities and students also have representation on District Education Councils.

## Who is eligible to be a candidate for election as a DEC member?

A person is qualified to be elected as a DEC member if he or she is:

- eligible to vote;
- a resident of the subdistrict where he or she is running for election;
- nominated by 10 parents of students enrolled in a school in the district.

Please note that Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and school district employees are ineligible for election as a DEC member.



## Who can vote in the DEC elections?

To vote in the DEC elections, you must be:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- a resident of the subdistrict where you are voting;
- a New Brunswick resident for at least six months (three months if in Oromocto).

At the polling station, you must indicate whether you wish to vote in the French-language school district or the English-language school district. You can only vote in the school district you have chosen.

## When do DEC elections take place?

DEC elections take place every four years in conjunction with municipal elections.

For more information about election dates and the nomination process, contact the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer by calling 1-800-308-2922 or visit their website at [www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca)

## Where can I obtain more information about the DEC's?

You can find out more about the DEC's by contacting:

- [www.decnb.ca](http://www.decnb.ca)
- your local school district office,
- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development,
- the DEC Manager (Anglophone Sector) at 1-877-331-3037.

## New Brunswick Anglophone School Districts - July 2012



## DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DEC'S ANGLOPHONE SECTOR

School District	Phone number
District 2 (Moncton)	506-856-3222
District 6 (Rothesay)	506-847-6262
District 8 (Saint John)	506-658-5300
District 10 (St. Stephen)	506-466-7300
District 14 (Woodstock)	506-325-4432
District 15 (Dalhousie)	506-684-7555
District 16 (Miramichi)	506-778-6075
District 17 (Oromocto)	506-357-4010
District 18 (Fredericton)	506-453-5454