

Policy Title	Home and School Associations		
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References			
Local Education Improvement Committee (LEIC) Recommendation #96; www.ofhsa.on.ca ; BP 1620-D "School Council"			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board’s Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Parental involvement in Home and School Associations in Bluewater District School Board has played an important role in schools.
- 1.3 Bluewater District School Board recognizes and values the contributions of Home and School Associations.

2.0 POLICY

Recognizing both the provincially mandated role of school councils, and the province’s support for Home and School Associations, Bluewater District School Board accepts and endorses Home and School Associations, as an option for involvement at our schools.

3.0 DEFINITION

A “Home and School Association” is one that is duly constituted by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA). Membership is open to parents, teachers, and community members over the age of 18, who are interested in the welfare of children and youth, and who subscribe to the purposes, beliefs and objectives of the OFHSA.