

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AND OTHER SCHOOL COUNCILS IN YOUR AREA

Family of Schools Networking

Periodically networking with other school councils can be extremely beneficial.

Networking can occur in a variety of ways – for example, through meetings, teleconferencing, or e-mail – and can involve other school councils in your area, all the school councils in your board, or all the school councils in a regional organization of councils.

- ❖ **WHY NETWORK....**Sharing information regularly with school councils in your area will keep information flowing among the councils, and all councils will benefit from this flow of information.
- ❖ **HOW....**Your council may wish to invite a speaker or panel to provide training or expert information on topics that would be of interest to the whole group. This could also be used as an opportunity to plan strategies and activities that would benefit the whole group. **The responsibility of communicating regularly could be assigned to one school council member, who would then share the information with the rest of the council.**

NETWORKING GIVES COUNCILS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES; TO LEARN WHAT IS NEW LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, AND PROVINCIALLY; TO FEEL SUPPORTED AND CONNECTED TO A LARGER COMMUNITY; AND TO HAVE A STRONGER VOICE AT THE BOARD LEVEL OR THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL.

