

# School Advisory Councils



## What is a School Advisory Council?

School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level.

A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members.

## Why are School Advisory Councils changing?

The role of School Advisory Councils is changing to better support students and the school community. In early 2018, focus groups were conducted with School Advisory Council chairs and principals about their enhanced roles. A summary of what we learned is available at [ednet.ns.ca/SAC](http://ednet.ns.ca/SAC).

## What's different?

Changes to the role of School Advisory Councils means:

- They will now have a budget of \$5,000 plus \$1 per student to support student achievement in their school
- There will be more opportunities to provide input to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Regional Centres for Education and Conseil scolaire acadien provincial
- They will now have an enhanced role in providing advice on regional and provincial education policy development.
- There will be more learning, networking and professional development opportunities for members

## How can I get involved?

Parents and community members who want to get involved in their school's School Advisory Council can contact the school principal.