
Membership Update

Summary Results: Survey for Parents of Special Needs Children who are not receiving a Full Day at School

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The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) strives to foster a culture of acceptance of diversity, and inclusion in our public schools and advocates for both systemic changes and individual parent advocacy.

Every student, regardless of their race, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or level of ability has the right to a full, publicly funded education in B.C. Yet, BCCPAC has heard from hundreds of parents across the province whose children with special needs are not receiving the accommodations necessary to be able to equitably access public education and attend school full time.

BCCPAC conducted a survey to see how widespread this problem is across BC public schools. Over 800 parents of special needs children, representing 51 of the 60 school districts across the province, responded to the survey.

Of the 372 parents who reported that their child was regularly scheduled for less than a full day of school in the 2016-17 school year, a shocking 132 students were scheduled for less than a half-day on a regular basis.

Parents of 336 special needs students reported that their children were sent home

last year due to staff shortages, with 104 students sent home over 10 times. These shortages occur for a number of reasons including when an EA is absent due to illness, training or planning, and when staff provide coverage for another staff member or classroom.

A summary report of the survey results is available [here](#).

The media release is available [here](#).

Thank you to the many parents who participated in the survey, and to our PACs, DPACs and contacts who helped distribute it across the province. Our strong collective voices are having impact as we continue to gain momentum this year. On behalf of the BCCPAC board, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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