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To CISPG staff, parents,/caregivers, & communities,

Call for Accessibility Committee Members

The BC Ministry of Education & Childcare recently passed the Accessible British Columbia Act, S.B.C. 2021, c. 19 that provides strategies for BC Schools to become more accessible. CISPG has developed an [initial plan](#) and all 8 schools have completed their review of school facilities and drafted 2-3 priorities as a starting point in a 3-year plan.

CISPG invites applicants to join the CISPG Accessibility Committee by completing the [application form](#) . Submit the form to CISPG at cis@cispg.ca by May 31, 2024.

Membership will follow the structure outlined in the Accessible British Columbia Act. To the extent possible, half the committee will include:

- People with disabilities, and/or
- People with children or youth with current or emergent considerations related to disability and accessibility, and/or
- People who work or volunteer at a CISPG School, and/or
- People or organizations that support people with disabilities.

The committee will represent the different backgrounds and experiences of community members with children / youth. The committee will follow the principle of “nothing about us without us”.

The committee’s scope of work will include:

- Providing input into the development of an accessibility plan based on the principles of Inclusion, Adaptability, Diversity, Collaboration, Self-Determination, and Universal Design.
- Providing input into any school’s barriers to accessibility such as attitudinal, physical, sensory, information and communication, systemic, and technology issues.
- Reviewing feedback from the CISPG Accessibility Feedback Tool.
- Advising the Superintendent on the school’s accessibility plan.

The committee will schedule meetings throughout the year. The deadline for expressing an interest in being on this committee is May 31, 2024. Please contact CISPG at cis@cispg.ca or call 250-964-5642 if you:

- wish to submit an application in an alternative format,
- have any questions, or
- require support to apply

For more information about the Accessible B.C. ACT, see the following links:

[Accessible B.C. Act \(full Act\)](#)

[Accessible B.C. Act \(in force\)](#)

[Accessible B.C. Regulation \(came into force September 1, 2022\)](#)

[Plain Language Summary of the Accessible B.C. Act](#)

[Timeline for implementation \(PDF\)](#)

Yours in Education,

Chris Dugdale, Superintendent

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The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George.

The Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert. The Haisla Nation in Kitimat.

The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers. The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek.

