

Institute for Public Education BC



Our Vision

Public education is in the public interest. High quality public education that is accessible and welcoming to all is essential to a strong democracy.

Our Mission

The Institute for Public Education BC provides reliable information, research, analysis and leadership to help build a strong public education system for BC's children, families and communities.

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Our Principles

Quality

Public schools are concerned with a broad-based education that includes aesthetic, cultural, emotional, social, physical and vocational development.

A strong, quality public education system:

- strives to ensure that every child develops their abilities to the fullest.
- recognizes that children are at the center of the enterprise. It is their individual and diverse needs that should guide policy.

Democracy

Public schools are democratic public institutions governed by elected officials accountable to their communities.

Public schools must:

- be open to all.
- celebrate the diverse reality of our communities while underscoring our common humanity.
- strengthen and deepen democracy.

All professional educators should be free to speak out for the best interests of the children they work with.

Accessibility

Public schools should be:

- welcoming and inclusive.
- safe, secure places for all who learn and work in them.

Students, parents, educators and community members should feel that their cultures and contributions are respected and their presence and participation is valued.

Public schools can only be optimally effective if they are adequately and equitably funded.