

Partnership in Education and Health

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WHEREAS changes in behaviour require supportive environments that make it possible for individuals to make desired changes; and

WHEREAS changes in behaviour often require repetitions of complementary messages from a variety of sources respected by the learned; and

WHEREAS no one institution can create all of the opportunities necessary for behaviour change; and

WHEREAS it is less costly and more effective to maintain healthy lifestyles or behaviours than to change established habits; and

WHEREAS school age population is the primary target group for risk avoidance interventions that support healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS there are local school boards currently involved in joint planning and implementation with health, social service and voluntary agencies; and

WHEREAS ad hoc subcommittees of the Ministries of Health and education have consulted re: policies and directions for health curriculum and environmental issues within the workplace,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate to the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee at the senior policy level to establish policies which support healthy environments and lifestyles in the school community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate to the Ministry of Education for the establishment of curriculum subcommittees which include Ministry of Health, Public Health Branch and Ministry of Community and Social Services representatives; and a commitment to encourage local boards to participate in health coalitions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of OPHA actively pursue collaboration with ALOHA to convene a meeting of organizations and associations from the community-based health sector in order to establish consensus on a community health framework and to develop and pursue a collective strategy which will lead to reallocation of resources from the institution-based illness care sector to the community-based primary health care/illness prevention sector.

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