



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

## PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION

Between the  
**UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)**  
and the  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION (BCSTA)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. BCSTA represents boards of education in the Province of British Columbia.
2. UBCM represents local governments in the Province of British Columbia.
3. UBCM and BCSTA have common interests in the social, economic and environmental well being of the Province and its communities and particularly in the importance of the public education system to communities and their residents.
4. BCSTA and UBCM members have many shared interests in delivering their mandates, including, but not limited to, community planning, school sites, shared use facilities, libraries, safe and healthy environments, sport and recreation, etc.

**THEREFORE:**

This Protocol represents a commitment by BCSTA and UBCM to work together to achieve the province-wide benefits of collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

**PRINCIPLES:**

The following principles pertain to this Protocol and the actions arising from the Protocol:

1. Mutual respect for each Party's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and that the Protocol does not fetter the individual mandates of the Parties;
2. Cooperation in the development and distribution of information; and

3. Harmonization of projects or initiatives to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVES:**

BCSTA and the UBCM have the following mutual objectives:

1. To promote understanding of the interests of boards of education and local governments in a province-wide context;
2. To discuss aspects of the legislative and regulatory settings which reflect the interests of the communities;
3. To seek out opportunities for shared professional development that would encourage a greater understanding of roles and responsibilities; promote community-based partnerships as well as local/regional joint strategic planning; and
4. To provide notice of actions to achieve changes in provincial policy and regulations which may affect the interests of either of the other party.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

BCSTA and UBCM agree to establish joint working groups, as required, to further the objects as stated in this agreement. The joint working groups shall meet from time to time, as required, to review joint initiatives and projects as well as the general progress on goals and objectives.

**TERM:**

The Parties may agree to amend or terminate this Protocol at any time. The term of this protocol shall be three years from the date of signing, unless otherwise amended.

**COMMITMENT:**

In witness of this agreement the parties have executed this Protocol on Consultation and Cooperation in Victoria on September 29, 2016.

**SIGNED on behalf of the British Columbia School Trustees Association:**

Teresa Rezanoff, President

**SIGNED on behalf of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:**

Al Richmond, President