



CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA)

CROSS-COUNTRY OVERVIEW OF
EDUCATION STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC
BOARDS OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2015



CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION OVERVIEW



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE CANADIAN PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM STRUCTURE AS OF DECEMBER 2015. HAVING NO FEDERAL BODY OF EDUCATION, EACH PROVINCE IS SHOWN INDIVIDUALLY AND THEIR STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS VARY.

TOTAL # OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CANADA

4,665,860

TOTAL # OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

13,537

TOTAL # OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

314,666

TOTAL # OF SCHOOL BOARDS

429

TOTAL # OF TRUSTEES / COMMISSIONERS

3581

CSBA MEMBERSHIP

OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY THE CSBA MEMBERS

2,986,768

OF SCHOOL BOARDS REPRESENTED BY THE CSBA MEMBERS

252

OF TRUSTEES / COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTED BY THE CSBA MEMBERS

2016

OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- **FNCSF: 150,000 (28 BDS)**
- **FCSQ: 765,927 (57 BDS)**
- **NB: 98,906 (7 Councils)**
- **PEI: 20,131 (2 BDS)**

SMALLEST MEMBER BOARD:

NLSBA

LARGEST MEMBER BOARD:

OPSBA

AVERAGE OPERATIONS BUDGET FOR A PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION:

\$2,277,886

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

OVERVIEW (Students)



TOTAL # OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA
557,571 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

ALBERTA
620,475 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

SASKATCHEWAN
173,548 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

MANITOBA
182,073 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

ONTARIO
1,844,217 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

- **1,231,529** English Public School Boards
- **24,434** French Public School Boards
- **522,104** English Catholic School Boards
- **66,150** French Catholic School Boards

QUEBEC (K-11)
959,925 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

- **97,308** English School Boards
- **862,617** French School Boards

NOVA SCOTIA
119,383 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR
67,293 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
20,131 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

NEW BRUNSWICK
98,906 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

- **69,972** English District Education Council
- **28,934** French District Education Council

YUKON
5,086 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

NORTHWEST TERRITORY
8,367 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

NUNAVUT
8,885 TOTAL PUBLIC STUDENTS

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

OVERVIEW (Trustees/Commissioners)



BRITISH COLUMBIA

416 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 407 BCSTA (59 BDS)
- 9 Non-Members (1 BD)

ALBERTA

450 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 450 ASBA (65 BDS)
- INCLUDING 2 BOARDS FROM NWT

SASKATCHEWAN

253 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 253 SSBA (28 BDS)

MANITOBA

316 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 316 MSBA (38 BDS)

ONTARIO

716 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 356 OPSBA (31 BDS-10 SCHOOL AUTHORITIES)
- 230 (29 ENG CATHOLIC BDS)
- 82 (8 FR CATHOLIC BDS)
- 48 (4 FR PUBLIC BDS)

QUEBEC

772 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 639 FCSQ (57 FR BDS)
- 95 QESBA (9 ENG BDS + 1 Special Status)
- 38 Independent (3 non linguistic BDS)

NOVA SCOTIA

105 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 105 NSSBA (8 BDS)

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

25 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 25 NLSBA (2 BDS)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

21 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 12 (1 ENG BDS)
- 9 (1 FR BDS)

NEW BRUNSWICK

68 SCHOOL COUNCIL TRUSTEES

- 41 (4 ENG District Education Councils)
- 27 (3 FR District Education Councils)

YUKON

91 SCHOOL COUNCIL TRUSTEES

- 90 (28 Education Councils)
- 1 (1 FR Education Board)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PLAYS A DUAL ROLE AS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL BOARDS. A MAXIMUM 129 TRUSTEES CAN BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO THE ENGLISH BOARD, WHILE A MAXIMUM OF 5 TRUSTEES CAN BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO THE FRENCH BOARD.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

197 SCHOOL COUNCIL TRUSTEES

- 197 (30 District Education Authorities)
- (4 District Education Councils)
- (1 Commission Scolaire Francophone)
- (1 Tlicho Community Services Agency)

NUNAVUT

151 SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

- 26 (ENG District Education Authorities)
- 1 (*FR District Education Authorities)

*COMMISSION SCOLAIRE FRANCOPHONE DU NUNAVUT (CSFN)

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

OVERVIEW (Elections)



BRITISH COLUMBIA

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2018**

ALBERTA

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2017**

SASKATCHEWAN

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2016**

MANITOBA

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2018**

ONTARIO

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2018**

QUEBEC

ELECTIONS INDEPENDANT
NEXT: **FALL 2018**

NOVA SCOTIA

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2016**

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

ELECTIONS INDEPENDANT
NEXT: **TBD**

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

FRENCH ELECTIONS INDEPENDENT
ENGLISH BOARD APPOINTED
NEXT: **FALL 2018**

NEW BRUNSWICK

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **SPRING 2016**

YUKON

ELECTIONS INDEPENDANT
NEXT: **FALL 2016**

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2019**

NUNAVUT

ELECTIONS WITH MUNICIPAL
NEXT: **FALL 2016**

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW (Board Services)



*CSBA MEMBERSHIP	*BCSTA	*ASBA	*SSBA	*MSBA	*OPSBA	*QESBA	FCSQ	NBSEC	*NSSBA	*NLSBA	PEISTA
Advocacy (Provincial Level)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	✓		---
Media / Communications Services		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---			---
Professional Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---	✓	✓	
Insurance for Boards		✓	✓	✓				---			---
Pension Management		✓		✓				---	✓		
Labour Relations		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---			
Legal Services	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	---			
Taxation				✓		✓		---			
Elections Assistance	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	---			
Advisement on Governance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	---	✓		---

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

The CSBA was founded in 1923 by school trustees from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia in recognition of the need for a national forum on education. It was incorporated under federal statute as a non-profit organization in 1965.

CANADIAN EDUCATION AND AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

"Since 2000, Canada has become a world leader in its professionally-driven reform of its education system. Not only do its students perform well, they perform well despite their socio-economic status, first language or whether they are native Canadians or recent immigrants.

Canada is a top-performing OECD country in reading literacy, maths and sciences with the average student scoring 522. This score is higher than the OECD average of 497, making Canada the 5th strongest OECD country in students' skills."

The OECD report can be found here: <http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/topics/education/>

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW (Bibliography)



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