



Statement of Principles on Toxins-Free Schools

1. We recognize that students spend a large portion of their lives in schools, where they can be unknowingly exposed to toxins that may be present in the school environment. That exposure, even in low doses, may affect their health, now or later in life.
2. We believe that all those working and learning in schools should be made aware of what toxic substances may be in the school environment and what effect they may have on health and the environment. We believe that students and parents, in addition to those working in schools — who already have this legal right — should have a right to know what toxins may be present.
3. We believe that toxins-free schools should be a stated goal for all school boards in B.C. and the B.C. Ministry of Education.
4. We urge schools boards to adopt policies that will help realize that goal of toxins-free schools and will ensure that the right to know is upheld for all in B.C. schools.

Endorsed by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

School District _____

Position: (Please check one)

- Chair of Board (on behalf of board)
- School trustee
- Teachers' association representative
- Custodians' local union representative
- School support staff union representative
- District parent representative
- Student committee, club or council representative
- Community or environmental group representative