

# JCSH GOVERNANCE

## JCSH MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health represent the Health and Education ministries/departments in the following jurisdictions:

- British Columbia
- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia
- Prince Edward Island
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Nunavut
- Northwest Territories
- Yukon



The Public Health Agency of Canada, representing the federal government at the JCSH tables, is not a member, but serves in a funding and advisory capacity.

The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada sits (beginning 2020) as an observer.

Although Quebec shares the concerns and objectives of the JCSH and will continue to contribute by sharing information and leveraging best practices, Quebec intends to remain solely responsible for responding to school health needs within its territory.

## MANDATE

JCSH operates on five-year mandates supported by the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health / Wellness in each of the participating jurisdictions.

In 2020, the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Education and Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for Health / Wellness committed to the current five-year JCSH mandate (2020-2025).

## VISION

Children and youth in Canada are thriving in school communities that are committed to optimal health, well-being, and learning.

## MISSION

To work collaboratively across jurisdictions and between the education and health sectors to support optimal health, well-being, and learning of children and youth in school communities.

## VALUES

Collaboration	Innovation
Diversity and Inclusion	Accountability
Equity	Efficiency
Evidence-Informed Practice	Knowledge Mobilization

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION

JCSH's Strategic Directions 2020-2025 focuses on emerging key priority areas of Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Ministers of Health and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). In the 2020-2025 mandate, four priority issues are the focus of much of JCSH initiatives:

- Mental Wellbeing
- Problematic Substance Use
- School Food Environment
- COVID-19 support

The strategic direction and priorities continue to support JCSH's purpose: to be a catalyst to strengthen cooperation and capacity among the health and education ministries to better accomplish mutual goals and support shared mandates regarding the promotion of the health of children and youth in Canadian schools.

The broad direction is set out in the JCSH Strategic Directions 2020-2025 (see Appendix C).

## LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The JCSH has committed to three overarching long-term outcomes:

### **1. INCREASED SYSTEM CAPACITY, COLLABORATION, AND EFFICIENCY**

Member jurisdictions experience increased capacity, collaboration and efficiency in their efforts to promote optimal health, well-being, and learning outcomes for all students.

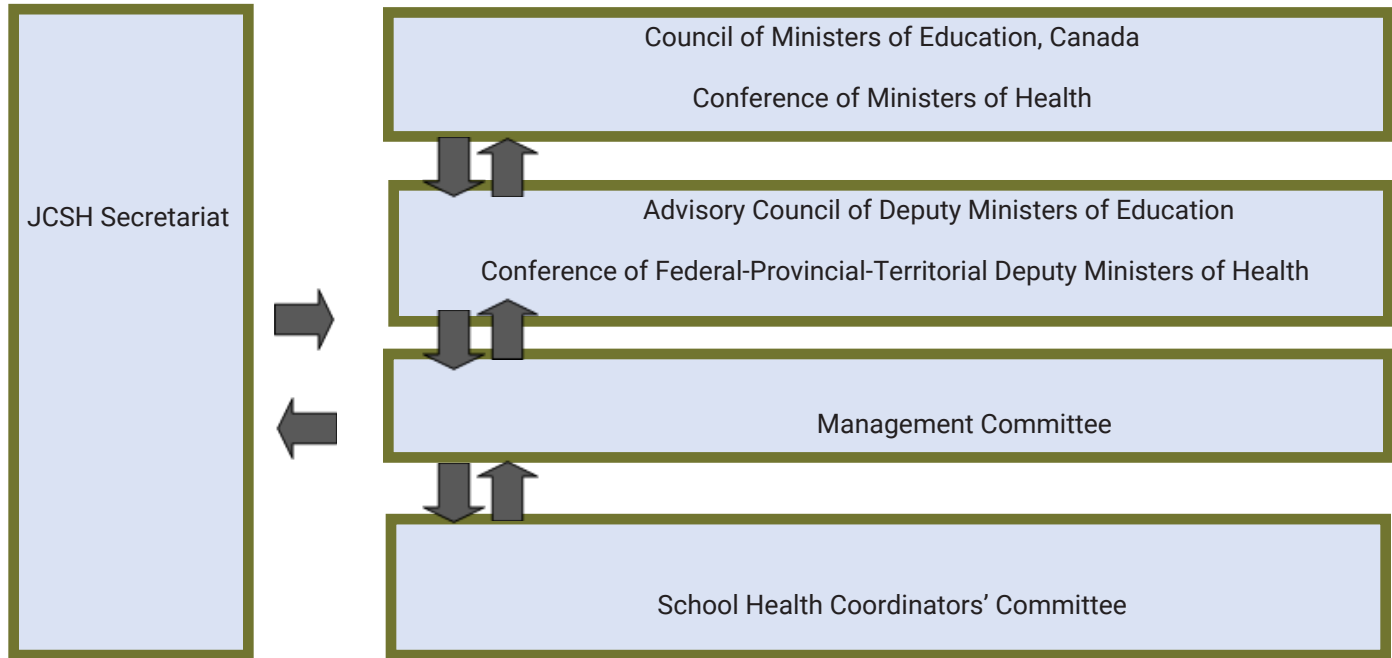
### **2. INCREASED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE**

There is a continual exchange of information and knowledge related to optimal health, well-being, and learning outcomes for all students among member jurisdictions.

### **3. INCREASED RECOGNITION**

The JCSH is recognized by other FPT bodies and key stakeholders for their expertise in the promotion of initiatives to improve the health, well-being, and learning for all students in Canada.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



The JCSH is governed by two Deputy Ministers' committees – the Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education (ACDME) and the Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health.

The two committees of the JCSH responsible for the strategic direction and work agenda are the Management Committee and the School Health Coordinators' Committee.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee provides the main forum for executive level discussion and decisions affecting the work of the JCSH. The mandate of the Committee is to further the Consortium's strategic priorities, as communicated by the two Deputy Ministers' committees, by

- exchanging ideas, opportunities, and concerns related to existing and emerging issues
- providing oversight and direction for major projects endorsed by the Consortium and undertaken by the Secretariat
- providing guidance and supporting linkages between the Consortium objectives and jurisdiction-specific health and educational issues
- participating in discussions and making decisions

on strategic or operational matters, as required, to support the Secretariat in moving the Consortium's agenda forward

- offering a forum for discussion on other health and educational issues where appropriate.

### SCHOOL HEALTH COORDINATORS' COMMITTEE

School Health Coordinators are drawn from senior policy analysts, consultants, managers, and specialists in the ministries of education and health / health promotion. The School Health Coordinators' Committee serves as a pan-Canadian forum to advance comprehensive school health initiatives across Canada, and to support collaboration and alignment between health and education sectors in the promotion of student success and well-being.

Through the early identification and analysis of issues, gaps, emerging trends, and areas of interest to the JCSH and its member jurisdictions, the School Health Coordinators' Committee works collaboratively to move forward the work of the JCSH in the provinces and territories.

### SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is responsible for leadership, planning, and coordination for the JCSH.