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### Issue

Approval of the proposal for mandate renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH).

### Background

JCSH was established in 2005 by CMEC and the Conference of Ministers of Health to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated approach to health promotion in the school setting. Its purpose is to facilitate the integration of the health and education sectors to better accomplish mutual goals and support shared mandates for the promotion of the health and learning of children and youth in Canadian schools.

JCSH comprises senior representatives from 12 provinces and territories. The federal government also supports the work of the Consortium, with the Public Health Agency of Canada serving in a funding and advisory capacity. Although Quebec shares the concerns and objectives of the JCSH and contributes by sharing information and leveraging best practices, Quebec intends to remain solely responsible for responding to school health needs within its territory.

The JCSH received a second five-year mandate from the Deputy Ministers of Education on September 03, 2009, and from Deputy Ministers of Health/Health Promotion on June 19, 2009. Prince Edward Island is currently serving as the lead jurisdiction and host of the JCSH Secretariat. The current mandate expires on March 31, 2015.

JCSH has proven to be a successful model for effective cross-sector work and has generated interest from other sectors, organizations, and jurisdictions (see evaluation summary included in Appendix I).

The attached mandate renewal proposal (Appendix II) is based on the understanding that the current member provinces and territories and the Public Health Agency of Canada are interested in continuing to support this unique model of working together.

Deputy ministers of health and deputy ministers of education in each participating province and territory will be asked to sign a new proposed agreement indicating their support for this continued work (per the established signature process). Renewal represents an opportunity to demonstrate ongoing commitment to this unique and successful model of cross-sector collaboration.

The Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health was provided an update on the JCSH on May 29th, 2014 and will be provided with the JCSH proposal for mandate renewal in advance of the upcoming Health Ministers Meeting, scheduled for September 30 - October 1, 2014.

### Recommendation

That members of ACDME

* approve the JCSH mandate renewal proposal.