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To: Members of ACDME

Re: Approval of the Proposed Strategic Directions, 2020–25, and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health 2020–25

**RESPONSE REQUESTED BY MARCH 20, 2020**

The Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH) is seeking approval of the Proposed Strategic Directions, 2020–25 (APPENDIX I), and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health 2020–25 (APPENDIX II).

**Background**

* The pan-Canadian JCSH was established in 2005 by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and the Conference of Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Health to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated approach to health promotion in the school setting. Its purpose is to facilitate the collaboration of the health and education sectors to better accomplish mutual goals and support shared mandates for the promotion of wellness and achievement in children and youth in Canadian schools.
* In 2015, the pan-Canadian JCSH received a third five-year mandate (2015–20) from F-P/T deputy ministers of health and from P/T deputy ministers of education. Prince Edward Island was chosen as lead province and Secretariat host for the duration of this most recent mandate.
* The pan-Canadian JCSH comprises the ministries of education and the ministries responsible for health promotion from all provinces and territories, with the exception of Quebec. Although Quebec shares the concerns and objectives of the pan-Canadian JCSH and will continue to contribute by sharing information and leveraging best practices, Quebec intends to remain solely responsible for responding to its school health needs.
* The federal government supports the work of the consortium, through the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), which provides funding and advice, as needed.

**New mandate**

* The Proposed Strategic Directions and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health will focus on key priority areas as identified by the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Ministers of Health and/or Wellness and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).
* If renewed, this would be the pan-Canadian JCSH’s fourth consecutive five-year mandate.
* The key priorities put forward in the pan-Canadian JCSH mandate include:
	+ **Problematic substance use,** with a strong initial focus on vaping;
	+ **Mental well-being,** including social-emotional learning, resiliency, anxiety, protective factors and disruptive behaviours; and
	+ **School food environment,** including the alignment of healthy eating school food policies and priorities through the comprehensive school health approach.
* Through the present memorandum, members of ACDME are asked to approve the Proposed Strategic Directions, 2020–25 (APPENDIX I), and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health 2020–25 (APPENDIX II). The approval of any associated budget and membership fees for the pan-Canadian JCSH’s new five-year mandate will be administered by the pan-Canadian JCSH and their established processes with deputy ministers of education and federal-provincial/territorial deputy ministers of health.
* Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Katherine Eberl Kelly at kakelly@gov.pe.ca, Executive Director of the pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health.

**Action required**

Members of ACDME are asked to complete and return the response form to Basma Laamlaoui at b.laamlaoui@cmec.ca, by **March 20, 2020**.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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[ ]  I approve the Proposed Strategic Directions, 2020–25, and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-

 Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health 2020–25.

[ ]  I do not approve Proposed Strategic Directions, 2020–25, and Mandate Renewal of the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health 2020–25 for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  My approval of this mandate and strategic directions are not applicable.

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