

JCSH Strategic Directions 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

GOAL 1

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP

To advance coordinated and aligned policy, programs, and practice that support the optimal health, well-being, and learning of children and youth in Canada

GOAL 2

ENHANCING CAPACITY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND EXCHANGE

To build, share, and leverage knowledge that enables member jurisdictions to support the optimal health, well-being, and learning of children and youth in Canada

GOAL 3

PROMOTING INNOVATION

To support innovative approaches to policy, programs, and practice in member jurisdictions that address common challenges to the optimal health, well-being, and learning of children and youth in Canada

GOAL 4

MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

To implement a comprehensive evaluation framework for the goals, strategies, and operational plans of the JCSH 2020-2025 mandate

GOVERNANCE

Ministries of Education and Ministries responsible for Health/Wellness in 12 provinces and territories, and the Public Health Agency of Canada representing the Federal Government

Providing Leadership

Strategy 1: Strengthen connections with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and the FPT Ministers of Health to encourage alignment of priorities and needs.

Strategy 2: Continue to support member jurisdictions with policy and practice-based tools and resources that leverage a comprehensive school health approach.

Strategy 3: Proactively engage with federal initiatives focused on student health and well-being to align with efforts within jurisdictions and encourage principles of CSH to be embedded and visible within these federal initiatives.

Strategy 4: Continue to strategically engage representatives of the non-government sector, and key stakeholders in sectors beyond health/wellness/education, in order to advance CSH-based approaches to common needs and issues.

Enhancing Capacity Through Knowledge Development and Exchange

Strategy 1: Support member jurisdictions to be responsive, resource efficient, and economically responsible by sharing knowledge of what works best and has the greatest positive impact.

Strategy 2: Identify and/or develop tools to strengthen existing partnerships across the education and health sectors.

Strategy 3: Continue to strengthen knowledge on how CSH-based approaches can meet the needs of diverse population groups and address inequities.

Strategy 4: Increase and enhance opportunities for knowledge exchange among member jurisdictions.



Promoting Innovation

Strategy 1: Proactively identify and provide potential solutions to existing and emerging challenges to student health, well-being, and learning, and disseminate results among member jurisdictions.

Strategy 2: Utilizing a comprehensive school health approach, advance application of evidence to address emerging issues of concern (e.g. vaping).

Strategy 3: Continue engaging research partners in order to create an evidence base of strategies to support student health, well-being, and learning and comprehensive school health approaches.

Strategy 4: Work with research partners to advance evidence-based reviews of responses to emerging challenges.

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability

Strategy 1: Develop annual JCSH operational plans and budgets that specify planned areas of actions to support the five-year JCSH goals and strategies.

Strategy 2: Undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the JCSH during the mandate.

Strategy 3: Support and ensure the ongoing alignment between the JCSH governance structure, the operational policies, and the implementation of the Strategic Directions.