BC Healthy Schools Network

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Member schools agree to:

- develop a Healthy School Team, to include:
  - Principal or Vice-Principal
  - Teacher(s)
  - Parent(s)
  - Health Authority and/or community health promotion resource professional(s)
  - Student(s) (in middle and secondary schools)
- conduct the BC Healthy Schools Network Assessment Tool (see Note 1);
- consult with local health authority and health promotion professionals in the assessment and planning stages;
- develop a Healthy School Improvement Plan in at least one of the identified priority areas;
- utilize a results-based approach;
- attend 3 regional NPBS/HSN meetings throughout the 2008-09 school year (see Note 2); and
- contribute to the development of the Healthy Living Performance Standards (see Note 3).

Member schools in 2008-2009 will:

- receive membership in the Network of Performance Based Schools;
- participate in the NPBS/HSN regional meetings throughout the year;
- submit for publication a year end report which conforms to NPBS requirements;
- receive $1000 in June 2009 for fully participating in the HSN and meeting all requirements;
- be eligible for a Provincial Healthy Schools designation; and
- receive support from the Directorate Agency for School Health (DASH BC).

Note 1: The BC Healthy Schools Network Assessment Tool guides schools through an environmental scan of their school and assists them in determining priorities for action and strategies to address prioritized issues. The outcome of the assessment is an identification of the elements that need to be addressed in order to maximize success for students, and an understanding of the positive initiatives the school has implemented to date.

Note 2: HSN members share progress and strengthen their learning experience at regional NPBS/HSN meetings throughout the year, which includes an October in-service for new HSN members only, at least 2 regional NPBS/HSN meetings throughout the year, and the year-end regional celebration.

Note 3: HSN members will be provided with a draft Healthy Living Performance Standards for their use and will be invited to contribute to the development of the Performance Standards.

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