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BC PARENTS AND STUDENTS CALL FOR TOXINS-FREE SCHOOLS

Parents want a review of products used in schools to make sure that none of them contain toxic ingredients. The Vancouver District Parent "Safe Products" resolution was carried by members at the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils' AGM this weekend in Burnaby, BC.

"Parents across the province want the right to make sure children are not unknowingly being exposed to toxic chemicals in our schools," said Vancouver DPAC representative Claudia Ferris. "It makes sense to encourage our districts to use safe products – we need to work together to protect the health of our children."

BCCPAC #4 SAFE PRODUCTS RESOLUTION

"Be It Resolved

"That BCCPAC urge the Provincial Government and all School Districts to review, from the perspective of children's health, all products used in schools that contain carcinogens, reproductive toxins and endocrine disrupting ingredients and replace them with non-toxic and environmentally safe products. This review is to include all chemicals and products that are used in classrooms, offices, maintenance and cleaning, including playgrounds and facilities.

"Where safe alternative products are not available, schools will eliminate the use of the product if at all possible and, where this is not possible, the students, staff and parents will be advised of the proper handling of such products and be provided with the option of either not using or not being put in contact with the product."

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