



3. WORK TOGETHER

Parents, teachers and administrators all care about kids and want them to succeed. Many have passionate beliefs and opinions about the best way to support children in our schools. If those involved stay calm and work together, a disagreement about an educational decision can also be an opportunity to create deeper connections and insights, and innovative solutions.

4. FOCUS ON OUTCOMES

It's important to know exactly what kind of outcome you want, and how the situation will look or how circumstances will be different when your concerns are addressed. Be as specific as possible about the solution or remedy you seek, as this will help others to find practical and effective ways to support you.



5. MEET THE DEADLINE

There is a 30-day window in which you can submit an appeal, and the *clock starts ticking on the day that the decision you are challenging was made.*

6. FILE NOTICE OF APPEAL

If you can't find a solution by working with the people involved, you have the right to file a "Notice of Appeal."



Has your child been negatively affected by a school decision?

DPAC Parent Advocates are here to help.

GET THE APPEAL FORM

You can get a copy of the Appeal form from your school administration or school board office, or download it directly from the district website @ <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Board/Policies/boardpolicy/POLICY%2011%20-%20Appeals.pdf>



DPAC

The Powell River District Parents' Advisory Council (DPAC) is the legislated parent voice at the school district level, committed to ensuring that public education serves the best interests of all students.

PARENT ADVOCATES



The PRDPAC oversees a core group of trained volunteers who serve as Parent Advocates within School District 47. This service is free and available to all parents.

PRDPAC Parent Advocates can assist you at any stage in the process of questioning a school decision:

- Identify people you should contact
- Attend meetings with you
- Help you get your message across
- Explain:
 - Your rights & responsibilities
 - Your options
 - District policies & procedures

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT



There are skilled volunteers who will help you advocate on behalf of your child's education.

Call Powell River DPAC
604-414-2633

Leave a voice message with your contact information, requesting a Parent Advocate.

Contact BCCPAC
Toll Free: 1-866-529-4397
Email: info@bccpac.bc.ca

If you have a child with special needs you can also reach out to:

BCEdAccess
<https://bcedaccess.com>

Inclusion BC's Advocacy Services
Call toll free: 1 (844) 488 4321
Email: advocacy@inclusionbc.org

The 6 Steps to an Appeal

If a School District employee makes a decision that significantly and negatively affects the education, health or safety of a student, then that decision is open to an appeal by the student or his/her parent or guardian. The 6 steps in an appeal are:

1. TALK TO THOSE INVOLVED



Before thinking about an appeal, speak with those who have decision-making authority:

- The person who made the decision
- The school Principal
- The Superintendent of Schools

2. IDENTIFY THE ISSUES

Show how the decision:

- Negatively affects the student's educational progress, or
- Exposes the student to undue danger or health risks, or
- Is in conflict with District policy