



## **BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS**

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Marilyn Merler  
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Dear Ms. Merler:

At the 2008 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, member delegates representing PACs and DPACs came together from across the province to discuss issues vital to student success.

Two resolutions were specifically destined to the BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association, and we bring these to your attention.

### **Resolution 2008.19: Independent Panels for Teacher Discipline**

BCCPAC support the appointment of independent panels which include professional representation, to adjudicate on discipline reports and hearings for the B.C. College of Teachers, with panel members reporting to both the College Council and the public, to better protect the public interest and students.

### **Resolution 2008.29: Anaphylaxis Protocol**

BCCPAC urge the minister of education to change the following points in the new anaphylaxis protocol in order to be in line with the ministerial order and the framework of recommendations from the Provincial Anaphylaxis Advisory Committee (PAAC) Framework which parents were a part of.

The changes we are requesting are:

- a) A picture of the student to be placed on the anaphylaxis emergency plan form.
- b) That asthma be included on the emergency plan as a secondary diagnosis. We also wish to see the addition of anaphylaxis to medications.
- c) Full disclosure of resources available to school boards and parents.
- d) Training for both auto-injectors: EpiPen and Twinject (first dose)
- e) Specific risk reduction directives to include education on incident avoidance. Directives specifically at a classroom/cafeteria/food lab level regarding allergens, cleaning directives etc.

f) A specific directive for proper tracking of incidents for future review and assessment on the effectiveness of management strategies.

g) Specific plans to help school boards implement change (i.e., documentation, risk reduction education and staff training) within schools.

We kindly ask that you review these resolutions and welcome an opportunity to discuss these with your organization at your earliest convenience.

For the future, for all of our children,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Broda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being significantly larger than the others.

Ron Broda  
BCCPAC President & CEO