

Healthy Schools Network Update

The HSN moves toward a student led inquiry approach

Welcome back! We hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the new school year.

We've had a very exciting and busy summer at DASH preparing for the upcoming year of the Healthy Schools Network. The HSN will be undergoing some changes this year. We will be building on the exciting work HSN members have been doing by moving inquiry to the student level. This aligns with our current Healthy Schools initiatives that put students at the centre of healthy living actions, and incorporates feedback we have received from HSN schools. As we move forward, our vision is to link the work being done by Healthy Schools Network members to the considerable actions that schools around the province are taking to address and improve the health of students. Read the entire article [here](#).

This year, we will begin centering the HSN on student-led inquiry, facilitated by teachers. We are piloting the new model this year, with the hope of launching it province-wide in the fall of 2013. We encourage everyone to continue their great work creating healthy schools, and to participate in this work by beginning to shift the focus to student-led inquiry in the area of healthy living.

To support you this year, we will be providing small planning grants to encourage conversations and actions towards the new student-led inquiry approach. These grants will be available when inquiry questions are submitted and would require a commitment to share your progress with us in a year-end report.

Inquiry submission forms and planning grant applications will be available soon, and must be completed by December. If you are interested in learning more about the HSN pilot or have questions about participating in the HSN for the 2012-2013 year, please email hsn@dashbc.ca.

We are excited about this upcoming year, and look forward to interacting with BC schools and learning about all the activities that are going on across the province to create healthy schools!