# **Brief History of Healthy Schools Day in Canada**

CASLE (Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment) <a href="www.casle.ca">www.casle.ca</a> established *Healthy Schools Day in Canada – Journée des écoles saines du Canada* (HSD) in 2009. CASLE's president, Karen Robinson recognized the need for a national organization to focus on IAQ in schools and organized 12 groups from across Canada. By the time CASLE closed in 2018 there were 35 groups. Each April, on HSD, groups or individuals announce projects that relate to school environmental health issues. To see Federal MP's statements of support in Canada's Parliament and to see an archive of early projects go to: <a href="https://casle.ca/projects/">https://casle.ca/projects/</a>

The Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment (CPCHE) took over HSD in 2018

"Promoting healthy learning environments for children and youth. The Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment (CPCHE) is pleased to take on the leadership of Healthy Schools Day in Canada - a project launched by Canadians for A Safe Learning Environment (CASLE), which has closed its doors.

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https://www.healthyenvironmentforkids.ca/collections/healthy-schools-day-canada







Healthy Schools Day in Canada aims to raise awareness of and encourage action to prevent environmental health risks to children in early learning environments and schools.

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For decades, CPCHE has worked in partnership to translate knowledge about the harmful effects of toxic chemical and pollutant exposure during the vulnerable stages of child development and to share it with parents, practitioners and policy makers to support protective action.

In leading Healthy Schools Day, CPCHE draws upon the successful outreach and advocacy strategies we've collectively built through several key initiatives and in producing many important resources, such as <a href="Advancing Environmental Health in Child Care Settings: A Checklist for Child Care Practitioners and Public Health Inspectors">Inspectors</a>, among many others.

CPCHE's vision for Healthy Schools Day is one of collaboration. If you have ideas to share and/or would like to get involved, please contact us.

### Website:

https://healthyschoolsday.ca

#### Media Release:

https://healthyschoolsdaycanada.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/healthy-schools-day-2019-media-release\_final\_en-1.pdf

## 4 Actions mini-poster:

http://healthyschoolsday.ca/4-actions-mini-poster/

### **Healthy Schools Day Partners:**

http://healthyschoolsday.ca/2019-partners/

















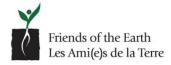




















### 2020 listings of HSD in media:

- https://www.globalnpo.org/CA/Toronto/1995145390700367/Healthy-Schools-Day
- https://healthyschoolsday.ca/healthy-schools-bright-futures/

The Green Teacher HSD article CPCHE 2020 (No mention of CASLE but it is nice to see two of CASLE's long time partners joined in this article.)

