

Ophea's Healthy Schools Certification

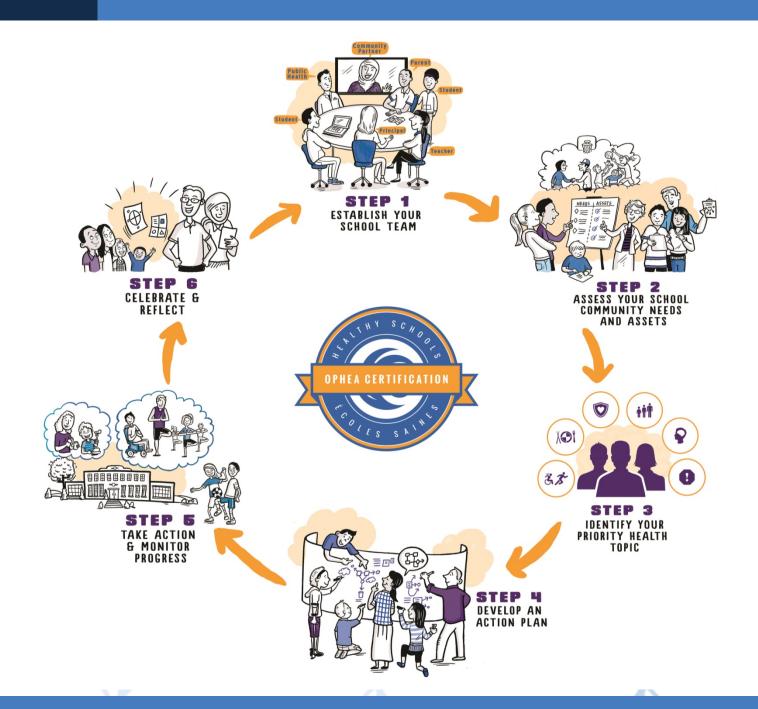
✓ Support and increase the capacity of schools across Ontario to address a priority health topic through the effective implementation of the 6-Step Healthy Schools Process



✓ Celebrate and formally recognise an individual school's achievements relating to Healthy Schools



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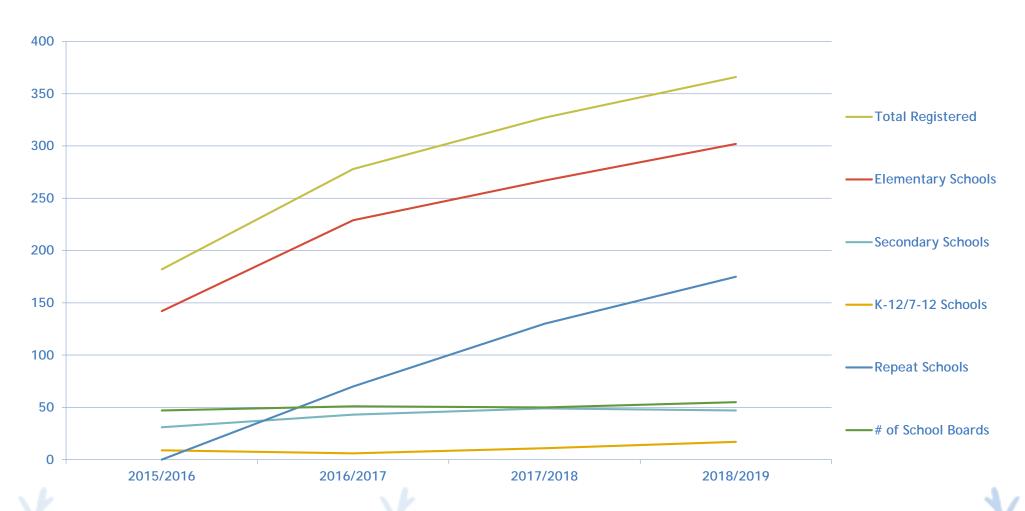
The Ontario Context





Registration

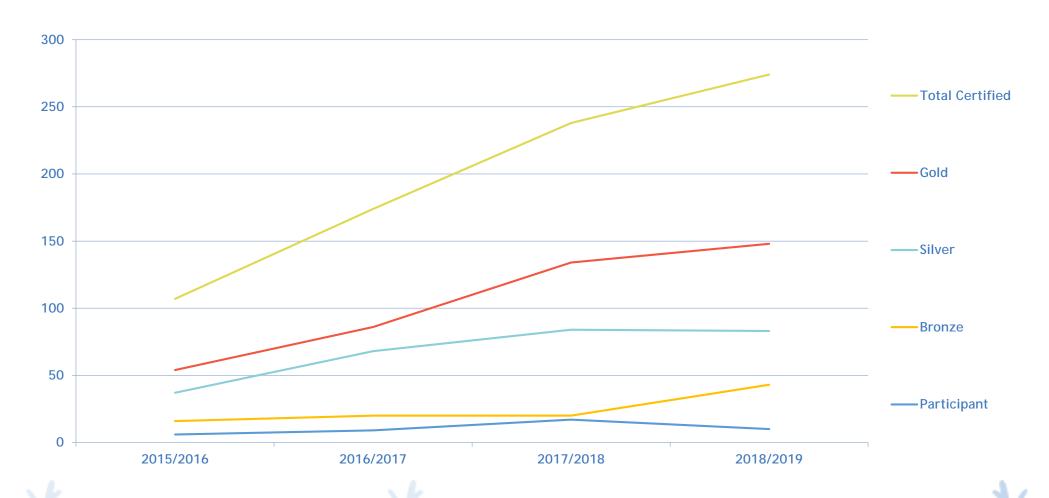






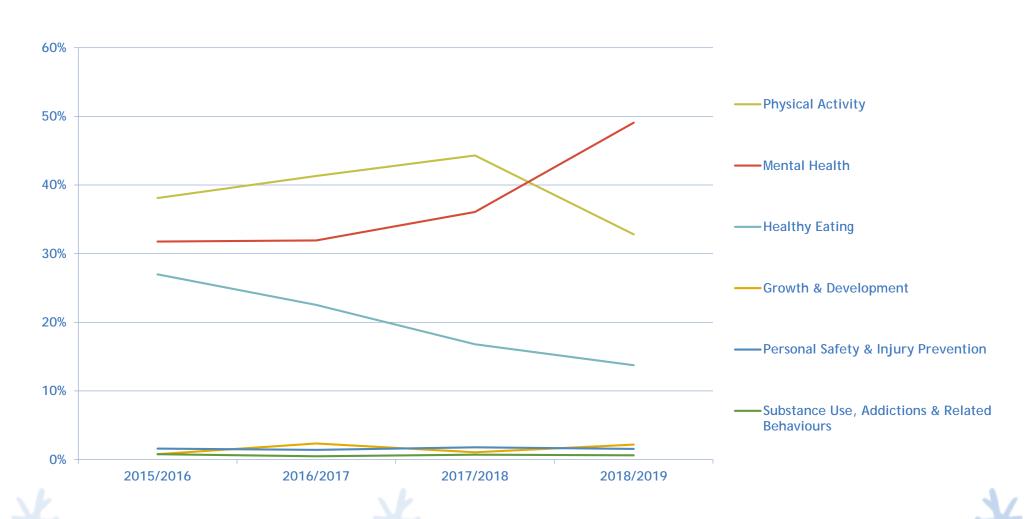
Certification







Health Topics





Key Messages from Ophea's HS Certification Team:

- Having a dedicated School Contact increases the likelihood of success.
- Principal/Vice Principal support is key .
- Creating new opportunities for student engagement and leadership increases buy in and sustainability.
- Student engagement and leadership makes the process better and easier for everyone.
- Public Health is a key partner, they already have a lot of the information and resources schools need.
- Connect the dots between what's already happening in a school community instead of creating all new activities.
- Comprehensive School Health is about how well you follow the process, not about how many activities you do









Feasibility Study:

- Documenting the policy and program landscape across Canada (specifically AB/BC)
- Synthesizing HSC evaluation studies
- Creating a Readiness Framework
 - Program Gap
 - School Level Interest
 - School Funding Opportunities
 - Backbone Support Organization
 - Supportive Policies/Mandates
 - Supportive Cross-Sectoral Partners
- Creating provincial profiles and conducting key informant surveys



Next Steps:

- Healthy Schools Certification is currently being run in Ontario, as well as select sites in Manitoba and Quebec
- Funding is being sought to:
 - Engage and collaborate with stakeholders (AB, BC, SK)
 - Pilot in AB and BC (5-10 schools)
 - Pilot in SK
 - Develop pilot test evaluation framework
 - Scalability implementation plan
 - Establish shared measurement practices
 - Communications plan
 - Knowledge transfer





Next Steps:

- A co-venture partnership agreement will be formalized that will address:
 - Naming
 - Contributions of parties
 - Relationship with backbone organizations
 - Funding
 - Oversight
 - Ownership and property rights









