

What's happening to Public Education in BC?

Government policies and funding decisions are dismantling the democratic foundations of public education, undermining social equality and increasing pressures to compensate through fundraising and corporate sponsorship.

What does this mean for the future of public education in British Columbia? How did this happen and what can be done to return public education back to its core communal values?

Parents and guardians are invited to come with your concerns, questions and ideas and join us for an interactive panel presentation and discussion with the Public Education Network Society (PENS).



Find out how you can make a difference in simple but effective ways!

Wednesday, November 25 • 7:00 – 8:30pm
Charles Dickens Elementary School Library
1010 East 17th Avenue, Vancouver

Childminding will be provided

PENS is an influential advocacy movement that launched the Charter for Public Education and has united stakeholders from across the educational landscape in advocating for public education for over a decade. Our panelists bring a wealth of experience and knowledge about the issues facing public education in BC today:

Mike Zlotnik, a Dickens alumnus, taught in BC secondary schools, worked in professional development for the BCTF and taught teacher candidates in the UBC Faculty of Education.

“From Public Education as a Communal, Common Good to Education as a Commodity, Forward to Public Education For Proactive Self-Governing Citizens of a Democracy (Charter for Public Education)”

Dr. Marilynne Waithman is an adjunct Professor of Educational Leadership and Administration at UBC.

“The Impact of BC Government School Choice Policies on Public Schooling”

John Malcolmson has been a researcher for CUPE for over 30 years, with a focus on public education and finance, justice issues and social policy analysis.

“Changes in Government Funding Policies: How they Undermined both Quality and Equality”