

Study of Music Education Across Canada

Coalition for Music Education in Canada

"Music Education: State of the Nation" is a study commissioned by the Coalition for Music Education in Canada. The Hazelton Group, specialists in quantitative research, surveyed 8,000 schools across the country in January 2005. Public and private schools, at elementary and secondary levels were canvassed. Although only 675 schools responded, this initial reading provides interesting comparative data between the provinces and territories in terms of the role of music within their schools and how these programs are being delivered.

The study indicates that resources must be allocated to redress inequities in assuring access to excellent arts education in schools "The good news is that there seems to be more participation in music these days," says Whyte. "That's because kids want it, parents support it and principals recognize just how important music is to a child's education and development. With more funding, we hope that all children will have access to quality music programs in their schools."

The complete survey and on-going reports may be accessed through:

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