

IFIE/JSDA Joint Seminars on Investor Education



Financial and Investor Literacy: Reaching Young People in Canada

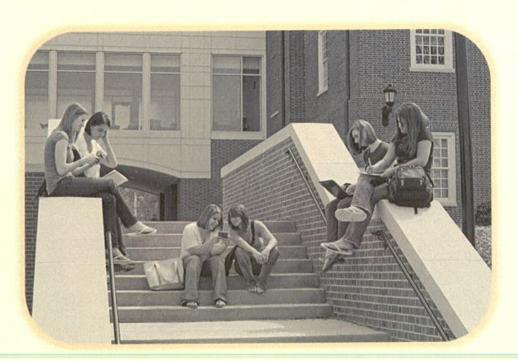
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Two Areas of Focus

- 1. Update on targeted initiatives for schools and kids in Canada
- 2. CSI's unique use of professional education in schools





Canada is a Leader in Investor Education for Children

• In the 1980's created the Stock Market Game now used in schools across North America

• In 1996 The Investor Learning Centre created first comprehensive school program used nationally

• One of the first to allocate securities fines to creating exceptional programs



Today. . . Key Players are Provincial Commissions







- Numerous fully faceted established programs with considerable take up
- Programs include classroom materials, train the trainer, web support etc.
- One commission has 18 partnerships with Ontario School Boards and three faculties of education to teach teachers



Curriculum Redefinition is the "Big Win"

- Ultimate lever in educating investors → required study of investing basics
- Many challenges in penetrating curriculum
 - Educator/political suspicion
 - Crowded curriculum
 - Fragmentation—different regions/School Boards
- Task begun in 1996 now bearing fruit

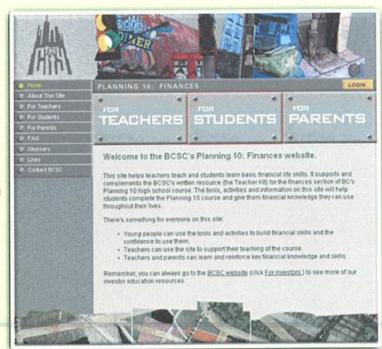


British Columbia Success Provides Model



- "Planning 10" mandatory Grade 10 course and required financial plan as a gateway to graduation
- British Columbia Securities Commission provides
 - Lesson plans
 - P DVD
 - Posters
 - Teacher training

website: http://www.bcsc.bc.ca/Planning 10





CSI's Presence in Education System

- 21 university partnerships
- 39 community college partnerships
- Several international post secondary institutions partnerships



- Strong presence in high schools and finance clubs
- Two joint MBA programs

Partnership Goal: Incorporate introductory professional education into school's curriculum.



School Based Professional Education

- Programs open to anyone in Canada
- Entry level licensing programs attractive to young people
 - Potential job
 - Competitive advantage
 - School differentiation
- Focus on entry level licensing
 - Canadian Securities Course
 - Investment Funds in Canada Course
 - The Conduct and Practices Handbook Course
 - Professional Financial Planning Course





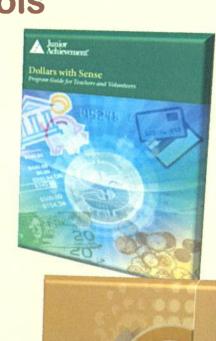
Benefits

- Carrot versus stick kids WANT to do it
- Creates much more knowledgeable consumers
 - Impact surprisingly large (5,000 6,000 a year)
- Brings better prepared employees to the industry and allows employers to focus on more advanced training



Linking Professionals with Schools

- Junior Achievement Partnership for "Dollars with Sense" Program (Grade 7)
- 40 Fellows of CSI (FCSI) (top designation)
 holders in Toronto volunteer to oversee program
 → national rollout planned
- Taps into professionals who want to "give back" to the industry
- Training is "real world", not academic



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Junior Achievement Program Objectives

• Knowledge and awareness of financial planning techniques

• Financial literacy, numeracy and improved personal management

• Boost in self confidence and the ability to make wise investment choices



