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Parents provide input on school re-entry

Alberta School Councils' Association received over 66,000 survey submissions

As at-home learning continues for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, parents were eager to offer input on plans for school re-entry in the 2020-21 academic year. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) created an online survey on May 6th, after discussion with Alberta Education on points for consideration.

"It was important to hear from parents, not only about online learning experiences, but what to expect in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and a potential return to in-class learning," said ASCA President Brandi Rai. "This is new for all of us, and the strength and perseverance of everyone to ensure student learning continued, is something to be very proud of."

The school re-entry survey included questions on modified schedules, assessments, health protocols, social distancing and transportation, as well as online learning resources and school communications. A total of 66,320 parents participated in the survey, including parents of students in Private and Colony schools. All 61 school divisions in the province were represented in the submissions.

Respondents included diverse representation, from Separate, Public, Charter, and Francophone schools, as well as encompassing north, south, and central areas of Alberta. ASCA appreciates the support of school divisions, boards and trustees, to ensure parents from across the province participated in the survey.

ASCA presents the voice of parents on school councils in Alberta to the government and others in provincial education. Survey results will be used to inform association perspectives when working with education partners and the Education Ministry on a safe and appropriate, return to schooling.

Survey [results](#) are available on the ASCA website at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

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