



Questions for Political Parties - Alberta Election 2023

1. What are your top three priorities for education?

- Building schools and hiring teachers to reduce class sizes.
- Expanding the amount of support staff in schools with a particular focus on improving inclusive education.
- Increasing the availability of mental health supports and resources within schools.

2. What actions would you take in order to provide long-term, predictable, and sustainable funding for education?

The Alberta Liberals have called for a \$1.2 billion increase in annual operational funding to improve education in Alberta and bring funding closer to the national average. In addition, we would commit to stable long-term planning on capital projects based on extensive consultation with school boards, parents, and educators.

3. In what ways would you improve support for diverse students and complex classrooms?

Part of our proposed funding increase would go towards doubling funding for inclusive education and education for students with extra needs.

4. What priority do you place on student mental health and wellness?

Mental health and wellness are critical. Healthy students get the most out of their education and it is critical to do more to support mental health and healthy lifestyles. That is why the Alberta liberals support a more robust healthy lifestyles curriculum, and greatly expanding mental health supports in schools as part of our \$600 million commitment to mental health.

5. Would you advocate for additional funding to address class size and complexity concerns?

Yes. As mentioned above we support providing \$1.2 billion more in education operational funding annually. The main focus of this funding would be focused on reducing class sizes and providing more resources for inclusive education and education for students with extra needs.

6. What role do you see school councils fulfilling in the discussions and decisions of Alberta Education?

We believe school boards play a vital role in guiding the future of our education system. We are committed to working with them, listening to their concerns, and giving them the resources they need to support students. That is why we also support reversing all funding cuts made to your organization.

7. After all the work that has been done, and is continuing to be done, on the new curriculum, what is your party's position on its implementation?

We don't believe in overturning every decision made by past governments however, the new curriculum was clearly poorly made and without sufficient consultation. We support rebuilding the curriculum in a manner that gives more input and control to educators and parents.

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