

ASCA 2023 VIRTUAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENT - ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

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Responses

15:34

Average time to complete

Closed

Status

1. 21-05 Renewal of Alberta Curriculum

That the Minister of Education ensure that the creation, piloting, and implementation of any renewed or new curriculum has opportunities for meaningful parental, teacher, and other education professional engagement free of influence from elected officials and allow for adequate time to plan implementation. This includes sourcing teacher resources, and staging pilots and implementation either by grade level or subject matter rather than the entire curriculum across all grade levels.

That all new curriculum should reflect the needs of the 21st century learners: emphasize innovation and critical thinking, diversity, and inclusion, including the recommendation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action 62, 63, and 64. It should be evidence-based, developed by experts in curriculum and education and better reflect the 2018 curriculum that has been in development since at least 2008, and in collaboration with teachers, parents, provincial education professional and other curriculum experts.

That the Minister of Education delay implementation of any draft curriculum until it has broad support from education professionals, teachers, parents, and citizens.

● 1 - Very Important	32
● 2	6
● 3	2
● 4 - Not Important	0



2. 21-03 Restore PUF Funding to Alberta Schools

That the Minister of Education restore PUF Funding for Early Intervention Programs for all mild, moderate, and severely impacted children ages 2.5-7.5.

● 1 - Very Important	28
● 2	8
● 3	3
● 4 - Not Important	1



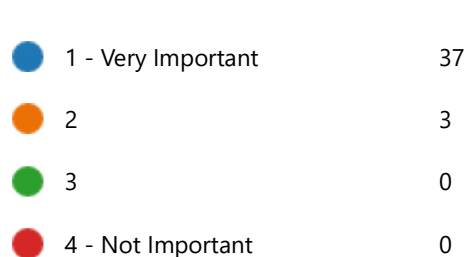
3. 20-05 Support for Addressing Class Size and Complex Classrooms

That the Minister of Education reinstate funding for the class size initiative methodically and consider student needs in a holistic manner;

That the Minister of Education collaborate with school jurisdictions to update the class size initiative and develop the program to reflect student numbers and learner needs;

That the Minister of Education support program design in a way that allows schools flexibility to allocate funding to meet school needs such as opting for additional learning supports rather than creating an additional class;

That the Minister of Education evaluate program success by measuring not just class size but also class composition and the total available spots.



4. **19-10 Guaranteed In-school Access to Mental Health Programs and Counselling for Students**

That Alberta Education guarantee all students in the province have access to distinct, qualified mental health programs and professional mental health counselling services, as well as educational and career counselling, within their schools, thereby increasing students' wellness and their ability to learn and succeed.

23-06 Setting and Meeting a Student to School Counsellor Ratio to Improve Mental Health

That the Minister of Education increase the amount of qualified mental health support personnel (registered counsellors, psychologists, Child and Youth Care Counsellors, social workers, and Family Support Liaison Workers) in all Alberta public schools (public, separate, francophone and charter) to meet a recommended 250:1 ratio with a minimum of 1 per school, whichever is larger, by 2024.

That the Minister of Education provides funding for these positions from provincial budgets so the existing site (school) budgets are not expected to make cuts elsewhere to cover the required additional salaries.

● 1 - Very Important	28
● 2	9
● 3	2
● 4 - Not Important	1



5. **22-03 Restoration of Funding for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)**

That the Minister of Education provide a full and public explanation for the decisions to de-fund ASCA and to create the Minister's Parent Advisory Group.

That the Minister of Education initiate a full and broad consultation into the decision to de-fund ASCA.

That the Minister of Education reconsider the function of the Minister's Parent Advisory Council.

That the Minister of Education validate the important role of ASCA in supporting school councils by reinstating reasonable funding.

