



# Media Release

## ***PSBAA welcomes new Executive Director and CEO***

March 2, 2020 (Edmonton, AB) ... The President of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), Cathy Hogg, is pleased to welcome the new Executive Director and CEO of PSBAA. Troy Tait will join the PSBAA administration team as of March 16, 2020.

"Troy brings with him strong communications skills and a collaborative approach," said Hogg. "We look forward to working with him."

"I'm excited to work with all member public school boards to promote the importance of public schools and advance the positive agenda of PSBAA," said Tait. "In these challenging economic times, we need to do all we can to ensure that public schools remain a strong and integral part of their communities. I look forward to working with our Executive Committee and our members to carry on PSBAA's proud tradition of excellence in support of locally-elected public school board trustees."

Tait brings to PSBAA a strong background in post-secondary education, especially in strategic planning, change management, stakeholder and government relations, and process improvement. He also owns his own consulting business. Tait has an MBA from Athabasca University and is a recipient of the Alberta Centennial Medal and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. He and his family make their home in St. Albert.

President Hogg also extended her appreciation to outgoing Executive Director Brian Callaghan. "Brian has brought a wealth of knowledge to the Association, particularly from his years as a superintendent, and we are most grateful for his service and his support. I'm so pleased he will continue to stay on with the Association in his new capacity as an education consultant, and I encourage our public boards to reach out to him if they need assistance."

The Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) is the voice of public school boards in the province. We believe public schools are the first choice in our communities, where children can go to learn and live the values of democracy together, reflecting our hope, and shaping the future of our communities.

**A backgrounder on Troy Tait follows.**

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## **Backgrounder**

Troy Tait is an accomplished senior professional, with more than 25 years of experience in leadership, government and stakeholder relations, policy and regulatory matters and communications and issues management in a variety of roles, including over ten years in senior roles in post-secondary education at Athabasca University and Medicine Hat College.

Committed to lifelong learning, Tait is well-versed in strategic and financial planning, process improvement, change and risk management and governance. He has a Master of Business Administration from Athabasca University (AU), as well as a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Management from AU and a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

A recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Centennial Medal, Tait is passionate about giving back to the local community and making the world a better place in which to live. He has worked all over Alberta, and today makes his home in St. Albert. He is married with three children and two grandchildren.