



# Media Release

## ***PSBAA congratulates Premier-designate Kenney***

April 23, 2019 (Edmonton, AB) ... On behalf of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), President Cathy Hogg released the following statement about the recent Alberta provincial election results:

“Now that the votes are counted, it is my pleasure to offer our sincere congratulations to Premier-designate Jason Kenney and the United Conservative Party on their success in the Alberta provincial election. We are very much looking forward to working with them on the key issues facing education today, for the benefit of all students. Thank you also to all the candidates from all political parties and all the volunteers who helped on their campaigns. Even if they didn't win, their communities are the richer for their support and involvement.

“This was a hard-fought campaign and, while we have our own approach to improving K-12 education in Alberta, we believe all candidates and parties demonstrated a sincere commitment to listen and propose thoughtful ideas. We welcome the opportunity to continue with our respectful and positive relationship with the Ministry of Education and continue to make ourselves available as strong advocates for our students and the public education system. We will continue to encourage the new government to focus on how to address concerns like program equity between rural and urban schools, class size, meeting complex needs, providing more teachers and educational assistants, new schools as needed, more funding for student transportation, and how we administer education in the province.

“As well, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of schools being safe places, and for the Ministry of Education, school jurisdictions and schools to continue to do all they can to create welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments for all students.

“We look forward to working with the government as we share with you the same strong focus that everything we do must be in the best interests of our students, families and communities.”

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