



Media Release

Local school board trustee recognized with Public School Boards' Association of Alberta honour

June 4, 2021 (Edmonton, AB) ... On behalf of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), President Cathy Hogg congratulates all of the winners of PSBAA Special Recognition awards at the Association's annual Spring General Assembly (SGA).

This year's SGA is being held virtually year due to the pandemic, but the setting has not dampened trustees' enthusiasm for this highly-anticipated event.

A total of six awards were presented. Locally, Arlene Hrynyk, a Trustee with Northern Lights Public Schools, was recognized as this year's winner of the Dick Baker Legacy Award.

The Dick Baker Legacy Award is bestowed on a public school board trustee who has modelled the values of integrity, compassion, respect, mentoring, leadership and modelling engagement of the heart and mind while always putting children first.

Arlene, a Past President of the PSBAA, is a tireless champion of public school education in Alberta. Rick Massini, the vice-chair of Medicine Hat Public Schools, nominated Arlene for the award. He noted that Arlene was always guided by "Children First." "Arlene worked hard to try and bring the other Provincial Associations together to work towards common pursuits for the sake of children," Rick said.

Arlene Hrynyk was also nominated for the Dick Baker Award by fellow Northern Lights trustee Mandi Skogen. In her nomination submission, Mandi wrote that Arlene "has helped new trustees from public, separate and francophone boards

understand the responsibilities and history of trusteeship as she really believes that we are all there to ensure the children of our province are delivered fair and equitable opportunities.”

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.

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