

Media Release

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

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).

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

A total of six awards were presented. Locally, Michael Janz, Trustee, Edmonton Public Schools, was recognized with PSBAA's Advancing Association and Business Initiatives Award.

In nominating Michael, fellow trustee and board Vice Chair Nathan Ip noted that "Michael has served three terms with EPSB and has shown tremendous leadership and passion for public education. During his more than 12-year history as a Trustee he's also served as Board Chair, Vice-Chair, ASBA Director and as its Vice President.

Nathan also noted that "Michael has long fought cuts to provincial education budgets, beginning in 2015 when he rallied 19 other boards to share their concerns to the province. He believes in speaking up for families and students and has been a strong voice in defunding private schools in Alberta. Always vocal, passionate and often creative in his advocacy approach, Michael exemplifies the spirit of Trusteeship."

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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