



We are the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

- 1** Amongst the **SIX** systems which are provincially-funded systems in the province, **it is only public schools that are truly public and truly accessible to all students, regardless of faith, background, geographic location, or ability.**
- 2** Locally-elected public school board trustees decide how to allocate their jurisdiction's share of more than \$8.3 billion in yearly provincial funding for K-12 education. The only requirement for a candidate to run for public school board trustee is that they reside within that school jurisdiction, as specified by the Education Act.
- 3** We are proud to offer a plethora of programs throughout our public school divisions across the province. Unlike any other system, we also offer many different faith-based programs of choice, based on the expressed needs of our communities.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE A TRUE REFLECTION OF ALBERTA SOCIETY, WITH THE SAME DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS.



PSBAA BELIEF STATEMENTS

Whereas in Alberta, provincial funding is provided for the public, separate, francophone, charter, home, and private school systems; and

Whereas public schools serve the majority of students in Alberta;

Therefore, we believe the following:

- Public schools are the first choice of our communities. We believe all children can learn and live the values of democracy together, reflecting our hope and shaping the future of our communities.
- Public schools are intended to be the first school built in any new community.
- Public schools are governed by democratically elected trustees, accountable to communities and the province.
- Public schools offer world class education through innovation, diversity, and equitable learning experiences.
- Public schools nurture each student's education and well being within a supportive learning community.
- Public schools support cooperation and collaboration among all provincially funded school systems, to best serve all students.
- Public schools most closely reflect, embody, embrace and promote the diversity within today's Alberta.



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