# **JOIN US!**



Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress; working together is success. Henry Ford



By working together, pooling our resources and building on our strengths, we can accomplish great things. Ronald Reagan



Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Helen Keller



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WHY YOUR BOARD SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA



Alberta has a world-class, K-12 education system. A key reason for this success is the outstanding teaching and educational staff in our public schools.

There are many provincially-funded school systems that provide education for K-12 students in Alberta, **but only one of these systems is truly public: the public school system.** 

All public schools are truly welcoming, inclusive schools of choice that should be the first choice in every Alberta community.

Public schools are the only ones that accept all students, regardless of culture, ability or aptitude.

What's more, public schools have a wide variety of programs and choices to meet the learning needs of all students, regardless of background or ability.

This is an election year in Alberta. Now, more than ever, it's important that voters understand and support the vital role of public schools in our communities.

#### WHY BE A MEMBER OF PSBAA?

PSBAA is the only provincial Association that advocates singularly and specifically on behalf of all public schools and public school boards in Alberta.



PSBAA is a crucial organization to stand up and advocate for the public school system; (they) focus on acceptance of all students no matter race, religion, cultural background, language, sexual orientation and disabilities. PSBAA school board trustee

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Belonging to a member-driven, grassroots organization
- Collaborating and consulting on advocacy, working with member representatives on our Public School Boards Council
- Receiving commissioned academic research which is relevant to and specifically for Alberta public school boards
- Gaining support, education and information when your local jurisdiction faces a significant threat to its viability



All of our activities, PD, communications and discussion is focused on making members better public school board trustees, better governors of the public purse and better members of our respective communities.

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## The PSBAA provides value because it is truly a member-driven association. PSBAA school board trustee

Because the PSBAA is singularly focused on the needs of the public school system, it is able to articulate and communicate a clear message to government and other stakeholders. No other Association can do this on behalf of public schools in Alberta.

- Participating in networking opportunities with MLAs
- Singular advocacy focus on what's best for public school boards
- Updates and insights on education issues. PSBAA communicates regularly with the Minister of Education, government and education stakeholders.
- We are proudly non-partisan. We work with all elected representatives



Public education more than any other time in history is in danger of losing its unique and valuable identity. The whole group loses when we don't have a unified voice...

Bottom line is all public boards lose when we don't stand together.

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- Timely, relevant and affordable professional development and governance sessions
- Access to highly-qualified independent service contractors when you need them