



# Media Release

## *Local trustee and mentor recognized with Public School Boards' Association of Alberta award*

June 6, 2022 (Red Deer, AB) ... A long-serving public school board trustee with Northern Gateway Public Schools has been recognized with a Special Contribution to Public Education award from the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

Gerry Steinke, trustee with Northern Gateway and former PSBAA vice-president, was nominated by Tammy Henkel, trustee with High Prairie School Division.

In recognizing Gerry, Tammy said he “has brought a passion to public education that shows his commitment to our children and their families, both as a Trustee on the board of Northern Gateway Public Schools as well as a member of PSBAA. His calm, balanced approach to putting ‘Children First’ through thoughtful conversations and questions showcasing the value of a true public education system has strengthened the voice of public education.

Tammy added, “Gerry’s work in the education system has brought him full circle, moving from educator to Trustee, mentoring fellow trustees and modelling leadership within his role. His integrity is evident as he champions public education, seeking to bring understanding to complex issues that directly affect equitable educational opportunities for all students.”

The PSBAA held its annual awards evening at its Spring General Assembly in Red Deer. A total of seven awards were presented.

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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