



Media Release

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta – Changes to the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program for Class 2 Driver's Licenses.

April 18, 2023 (Edmonton, AB) – The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) acknowledges the Government of Alberta's efforts to address school bus driver shortages with their recent announcement to remove MELT.

While we appreciate the Government's efforts to address this issue, we believe removing MELT entirely is not the answer. By removing this program, critical aspects of driver safety training will be removed and although the S endorsement program for school bus driver's includes transportation safety training, the removal of MELT entirely leaves critical gaps in safety assurance. We believe that a new and improved MELT that is designed specifically for school bus drivers would ensure safety for our children.

We instead advocate for the government to collaborate with Industry to address training subsidies, fair wages for drivers and work towards hours of work solutions.

We look forward to our ongoing collaboration with the Alberta Government to bring solutions forward to address school bus driver shortages.

– Dennis MacNeil, President

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