

## ABOUT US:

We believe Public Schools are the first choice of our communities, where all our children learn and live the values of democracy together, reflecting our hope and shaping the future of our communities.

## OUR MISSION:

To champion inclusive Public School Education with locally elected School Boards dedicated to student success.

## OUR VALUES:

Integrity  
Leadership  
Collaboration  
Innovation  
Stewardship  
Influence

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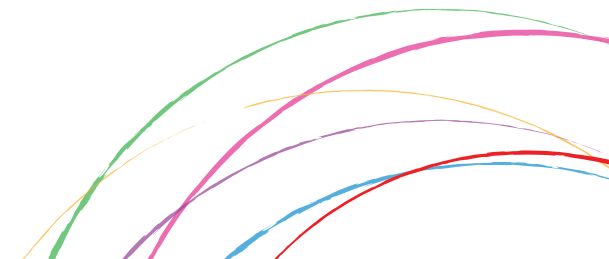
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# WHY CHOOSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?



## PSBAA'S 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.

### WHAT IS "PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION"?

- It welcomes and encourages all students to develop into responsible, caring and contributing citizens
- It provides many different choices, including faith-based education programs, in response to the expressed needs and wants of our communities
- It inspires and grows Alberta's future, one student at a time
- It acts as a working model of a civil society
- It helps to create, sustain and improve our communities

### OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Guarantee every child will have a place in their school community
- Are governed by a democratic process, open to every member of the community regardless of religious convictions, racial origin and economic or other circumstances
- Celebrate diversity among students and in our communities by working with communities, staff and students from different backgrounds, outlooks and experiences

### OUR MEMBERS WORK WITH ALBERTA'S COMMUNITIES & PARTNERS TO PROMOTE:

- Public education as the heart of every community
- High standards for Alberta's public schools because our schools are a great place for students to discover, nurture and realize their dreams
- Grow support for Alberta's public schools as a place where everyone is welcomed