

**To: Board Chairs of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Boards
Presidents of Stakeholder Associations**

ACSTA (Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association)
ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association)
AHEA (Alberta Home Education Association)
ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Association)
ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association)
AAPCS (Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools)
AISCA (Association of Independent Schools & Colleges in Alberta)
ASBOA (Association of School Business Officials of Alberta)
CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents)
CCSSA (Council of Catholic Superintendents of Alberta)
Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta
PSBAA (Public School Boards' Association of Alberta)

Student voice is important for our education system, and I am proud of how students across Alberta share their education experiences and make their voices heard. Our government is committed to giving students a say in their education, and we will continue to support students who want to make a difference.

It is with great excitement that I announce my Minister's Youth Council. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to hear student feedback on education issues that matter to them.

We are looking for approximately 32 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta. This council will give students the opportunity to build their leadership skills at the provincial level, make an impact on education, and leave a legacy that will last well into the future.

Students can apply directly to Alberta Education before May 5, 2017. For more information, I invite you to visit our website at education.alberta.ca/myc. Details and instructions on how students can apply will be included in follow-up emails to you from the College of Alberta School Superintendents and Alberta School Councils' Association.

If you have any questions regarding the provincial student engagement strategy, please contact Mark Bevan, Director, Strategic Engagement Branch, at mark.bevan@gov.ab.ca or 780-644-1809 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

I look forward to working with students and ministry staff to promote promising practices in how students and adults can co-create collaborative, working relationships that help to shape the education system, and ultimately prepare Albertans for success.

Sincerely,

David Eggen
Minister, Education

cc: Superintendents of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Boards
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