

June 20, 2022

The Hon. Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education
Office of the Minister, Education
228-Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister LaGrange:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) to advocate for Alberta Education to restore full funding to the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA).

As you know Minister, the Education Act (55) requires every school to have a school council. ASCA plays an important role in supporting school councils across the province. As a provincial partner organization in education, ASCA supports families and guardians with relevant and timely information, professional development, and learning resources to build their understanding, engagement, and confidence in Alberta's excellent public school system. Schools depend on strong parental/family engagement for their support and input.

ASCA ensures that parents can access information on government policy or learning initiatives in a variety of ways and formats, and serves an equally important part in making sure the voices of parents are collected and shared back to your ministry. Without provincial funding, and without the ability to levy membership fees as ASBA, CASS, and ASBOA can, ASCA's mandate to support and encourage parent involvement and voice will be lost.

Minister, we hope you will consider the benefits to families and their children by re-establishing full funding to ASCA.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



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