

April 6, 2022

Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education
228-Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister LaGrange:

Re: Charter School Expansion

We are writing to share our concern with your recent announcement of more funds to support the expansion of charter schools; additionally, we respectfully ask you to reconsider the exclusion of local public boards in the charter application process. We want the opportunity to know – and where possible – provide program options wanted by groups in our communities.

Public school boards – while reflecting the goals of local communities - hold the trust of our larger society. A well-funded, inclusive public school system ensures that all children, regardless of their backgrounds, culture, or social-economic status, have access to an excellent education that sets them up for successful participation in our society.

Alberta's international standing as a world leader in public education is founded on its history as a well-funded, research-driven system that welcomes and supports all children, embraces inclusion, celebrates diversity, and strives for community-minded, engaged citizens. The nature of the goal of public education to support all students is the very source of its innovation and responsiveness to the society it serves.

Thank you for considering our concerns about increased funding to Charter Schools in Alberta.

Sincerely,



Dale Karpluk (Apr 6, 2022 21:54 MDT)

Dale Karpluk, Board Chair

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