

ASCA School Council Engagement Task Force – September 2021 REQUEST FOR INPUT

Thank you for participating in the *School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF)* for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

The feedback your school council parent representative compiles and submits to the ASCA is greatly appreciated by the Board to assist in their considerations on education issues in Alberta.

The Board utilizes information gathered to inform the advocacy work of the association. This may include advising at external committee meetings, sharing with appropriate Ministries or provincial education organizations, and the potential for Board sponsored Advocacy Resolutions.

*Please submit feedback to ASCA by **November 5, 2021.***

Request for input regarding **Alberta’s Funding and Assurance Framework**

Background A:

Alberta’s Assurance Framework implemented alongside funding changes creates new opportunities for parents to engage with the education system and help shape local priorities and initiatives.

Link to government [Assurance Framework information and relevance to school councils](#).

Link to ASCA [Assurance Framework information for school councils](#).

The [Leadership Quality Standard \(LQS\)](#) outlines the professional expectations that principals and school jurisdiction leaders must demonstrate to create the conditions under which teachers can do their best work.

In the nine competencies outlined, a comprehensive 22 indicators relate specifically to school councils and the school community (highlighted in the [document link here](#)). This is why it is so important for members of school councils to be aware of, and understand, the LQS.

- 1) Has your principal explained how your School Council can be involved in the Assurance Framework at the school level?
 Yes No Unsure Comments:

- 2) Has your principal explained how your School Council can be involved in the Assurance Framework at the Division level?
 Yes No Unsure Comments:

- 3) Has your School Council discussed how it can help the principal meet the requirements of the Assurance Framework?
 Yes No Unsure Comments:

Background B:

Investing in students to close the gap on pandemic learning loss [Government News Release](#)

Alberta's government is providing up to \$45 million in new funding to jump-start targeted supports for students who require extra help with literacy and numeracy after two school years of pandemic-impacted learning.

4) Does your School Council believe that the additional funding provided to address identified Covid-19 related learning losses for Grades K-3 is adequate?

Yes No Unsure Comments:

5) Does your School Council know how the additional funding for K-3 will impact students at your school?

Yes No Unsure Comments:

6) If yes, please provide the top three priorities your school has identified for that additional funding:

Background C:

Enhancing parent engagement in Alberta schools [Government News Release](#)

Alberta's government is providing more than \$1 million directly to school councils to support collaboration between parents and schools.

7) Is your School Council aware of the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant of \$500 for each Alberta School Council?

Yes No Unsure Comments:

8) Is your School Council aware of how this money can be spent?

Yes No Unsure Comments:

9) How will the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant of \$500 help your School Council fulfill its legislated role and engage your school community?

School Council Name: _____

Thank you for your input!

Link to online input FORM:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-council-engagement-task-force-input>