



Nov. 3, 2025

Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides
Minister of Education and Childcare
228 Legislative Building
10800-97 Ave.
Edmonton, AB. T5K 2B6

Dear Honourable Minister Nicolaides:

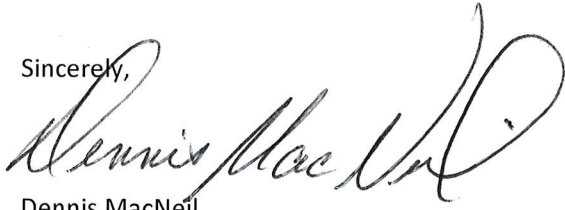
The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) would like to thank you for establishing the Class Size and Complexity Task Force. Addressing the evolving challenges of classroom composition is critical to ensuring every Alberta student can thrive, and it requires insight that is both practical and grounded in lived experience.

As you know, the PSBAA represents Alberta's public school boards—the only education system **legislatively mandated to accommodate all students, including those with diverse learning needs.** While other systems may experience large class sizes and a degree of inclusivity, it is the intersection of class size and mandated inclusivity that makes complexity in public schools uniquely challenging. Every student is welcomed to our schools. This reality gives the PSBAA a distinct, evidence-based perspective on how classroom composition, student diversity, and resource allocation interact to shape outcomes for students, teachers and communities.

As the recognized system-level voice for public education, the PSBAA is uniquely positioned to contribute expert insight and an informed perspective to this Task Force. Our members bring not only first-hand knowledge of classroom realities, but also deep expertise in system-wide planning, data-driven decision-making, and innovative approaches to learning and support structures. Including the PSBAA ensures the Task Force's recommendations will be rooted in the full spectrum of Alberta's educational realities, balancing policy ambitions with actionable solutions that work in practice.

We respectfully request PSBAA's inclusion as a member of the Class Size and Complexity Task Force and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can provide meaningful, system-wide insights to support this important initiative. Together, we can ensure the Task Force delivers recommendations that are both visionary and operationally sound—for the benefit of all Alberta students.

Sincerely,



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