

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta



11 June 2014

Terry Riley, Board Chair
Medicine Hat School District
601 1 Avenue SW
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 4Y7

Dear Mr. Riley,

Re: Trustee University II, Thursday 16 October 2014

Just before you leave for a much deserved summer break, I want to share with you an exciting invitation!

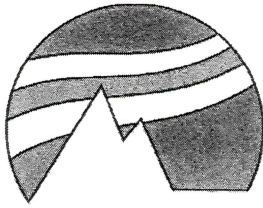
One of the trademarks of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta is the Trustee University that we offer to our Member Boards each fall. This year, the theme for our Trustee University II, is Leading: A Commitment to Community Engagement. I know that you, our Members engage the leaders and supporters from the communities you serve, in a variety of ways. Your continued commitment to this important work not only ensures that the best decisions regarding children are made closest to your children, but you are also providing a model for inclusive community engagement which truly is the hallmark of Alberta's Public Schools. Only Public Schools provide Public Education™.

We also know that the work related to the realization of the Inspiring Education Vision / Values is well underway within your School Division and across Alberta's Public Schools. The next step for Public School Boards, regarding the realization of the Inspiring Education vision will be Governance Teams.

We believe that our Association has an opportunity to define, shape and lead the work related to the creation and implementation of Governance Teams within the context of Public Inclusive Education. We are inspired to do so, by building upon the successes and experience with grassroots community engagement you have gathered, as you undertake these important conversations on behalf of the children within your collective care. Our Trustee University, this fall, is intended to grow our collective understanding about Governance Teams and create living terms of reference for Governance Teams that will respect and reflect the work that you have already started within the communities that you serve.

Your Executive Committee believes that it is important for our Association, to create the opportunity for local community leaders and advocates for Alberta's Public Schools, to learn more about the work you undertake in your community and for these advocates to participate as partners in our collaborative work. Thus, I am very pleased to extend to each Member Board, an invitation, for you to bring with you to our Trustee University II, two community representatives from your School Division. Our Trustee

Arlene Hrynyk, President • Rick Massini, First Vice President • Kathy Cooper, Second Vice President • Cheryl MacIsaac, Director • Kathleen Linder, Director



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University II takes place on **Thursday 16 October 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** and will be hosted at the Sutton Place Hotel, Edmonton, AB.

This invitation is at your discretion. Should you feel it appropriate to extend this invitation to two of your strongest advocates or should you feel that time is not appropriate for such an invitation – both possibilities are welcomed.

In the spirit of recognizing the fiscal realities within which our Member Boards operate, the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta is pleased to cover the registration costs for your two guests to join us for our University on **Thursday 16 October 2014**.

In the next few weeks our Association Staff will be sending out Fall Event Program details which will include an online registration link for you, your Board colleagues and guests to register. Should you have any questions regarding this exciting invitation, please feel welcome to contact any Member of your Executive Committee or Mary Lynne, our Executive Director (780 479 8080).

I thank you for your unwavering commitment to the children within our care. Best wishes to you, for a restful and relaxing summer spent in the fine company of family and good friends.

Sincerely,

Arlene Hrynyk, President
Public School Boards' Association of Alberta

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