

December 16, 2014

**To: Superintendents of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Boards
Private Schools and Early Childhood Care Operators
Executive Directors of Stakeholder Associations**

ACSTA (Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association)
AEFAA (Alberta Educational Facilities Administrators Association)
ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association)
ASCA (Alberta School Councils' Association)
ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association)
AAPCS (Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools)
AISCA (Association of Independent Schools & Colleges in Alberta)
ASBOA (Association of School Business Officials of Alberta)
CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents)
CCSSA (Council of Catholic Superintendents of Alberta)
Federation des parents francophones de l'Alberta
Federation des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta
Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta
PSBAA (Public School Boards' Association of Alberta)

In April 2013, the Education Act Regulatory Review Committee (RRC) was established to lead discussions on regulations that will support the Education Act upon its proclamation. We are now releasing the regulations to Albertans and education stakeholders for comment, after extensive work by the Ministry of Education, Legislative Counsel and the RRC.

Sixteen regulations have been posted on Alberta Education's website at <http://education.alberta.ca/edu-act>. The regulations are:

- *Alberta School Foundation Fund*
- *Board Procedures*
- *Borrowing*
- *Charter Schools*
- *Disposition of Property*
- *Early Childhood Services*
- *Establishment of Separate School Districts*
- *Home Education*
- *Investment*
- *Petitions and Public Notices*
- *Private Schools*
- *School Councils*
- *School Fees*
- *Special School Tax Levy Plebiscite*
- *Student Record*
- *Student Transportation*

The website provides full versions of the proposed regulations, as well as an opportunity for stakeholders and other interested Albertans to submit their comments on each of the regulations. The deadline for submitting comments is January 31, 2015. I encourage you to share this information with others within your organization, as well as anyone else you believe may be interested.

The RRC, chaired by the Honourable Maureen Kubinec, MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, embarked on an extensive public consultation process, an important step in getting to where we are today.

This consultation saw thousands of Albertans, including education partners, participate in discussions on a number of regulation topics. I know the RRC members, along with everyone else involved in the process, appreciates the passion and perspectives provided by all of the participants.

After this original consultation took place, work shifted to the development of recommendations for proposed directions and the drafting of regulations. The *Education Act* includes 35 regulation-making powers. Four of these are outside the scope of the RRC. The committee has recommended the 16 regulations listed above.

Government is committed to moving forward with the legislative processes necessary to approve the regulations and to proclaim the *Education Act*. Once the comment period closes, government will support school authorities in aligning their policies and procedures with the Act and its regulations.

Alberta Education looks forward to assisting stakeholders throughout this process. If you have questions about the regulations or the implementation of the Education Act, please contact Randy Clarke, Director, Education Act Implementation, Alberta Education, at randy.clarke@gov.ab.ca or 780-641-9113.

Thank you once again for your interest and participation in the Education Act Regulatory Review process.

Sincerely,

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Alberta Education

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