ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mission

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) will engage and support parental involvement in public education through school councils, and direct parental views and voice into the public education system.

Core elements of the mission:

1. Parents have a voice through their school council and at general meetings of the ASCA. Their collective voice creates a larger, politically important provincial consensus on education issues.

2. ASCA works with parents of students, school administrators, teachers and staff, school boards and other education partners to promote and assist school council formation and success.

3. ASCA enhances the effectiveness of, and acts as a resource for, school councils and parents, supporting them in fulfilling their role.

Vision
An effective school council in every Alberta school.

Core elements of the vision

1. ASCA will be seen as the primary, credible source of information and support for parents, school councils, teachers, principals, superintendents, trustees, Alberta Education and education partner organizations.

2. ASCA will be seen as the primary source for information on, and support of, school councils and parents in public education, providing:

    a. The parents' perspective on education issues

    b. Advice and information on school council roles and responsibilities

    c. Skill development opportunities for school council effectiveness

d. Resources and support for school council participants in order to increase their knowledge of, and contribution to, Alberta's public education system.

3. Parents and communities will be integrated throughout the public education system as valued, respected and vital learning partners.

4. Parents, through school councils, will influence decisions for public education in Alberta.

Values

Respect:

- For all individuals within the Association
- For diverse views and beliefs
- For education partnerships

Honesty and Truthfulness:

- In dealings with members and one another
- In open, clear communication
- In dealings with partners

Integrity:

- In all endeavours, to operate above reproach in actions and in words
- In building trust and trustworthiness

Teamwork:

- In working together for common good
- Within and between ASCA Board of Directors and staff
- With the membership
- With education partners

Principles

The ASCA will adhere to and support its values by being adaptable, responsive, responsible and collaborative in all its dealings.