

CALL FOR Advocacy Resolutions for the ASCA AGM April 25, 2021

Parents on school councils shape the future of Alberta's public education system with input through advocacy resolutions presented at the ASCA provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM).

To influence change in education, school councils in Alberta identify issues in provincial education affecting early childhood services (ECS) to grade 12 students, that they would like addressed, changed or resolved, and submit a **Proposed Advocacy Resolution Form** to ASCA for the discussion and consideration of members attending the AGM.

Resolutions that receive majority support from voting parent school council members at the 2021 AGM become belief statements, or directives for action, and form advisory positions as Advocacy Policy of the association.

Advocacy Policy is the direction, or guiding statements, that represent the views of ASCA members and are presented as the collective voice, or perspective, of parents on school councils in Alberta.

These views are expressed at advisory committee tables when ASCA is invited to work with government, the Education Ministry and other provincial groups, on education policy, programs and practice.

All school councils with current ASCA membership can sponsor (submit) a **Proposed Advocacy Resolution**, and register parent representatives to attend and vote on behalf of their school council, for the ASCA Annual General Meeting.

Process Overview

- > Annual General Meeting (AGM) of association members held each spring (April).
- > Call for resolutions requested at the beginning of the school year for the next AGM.
- > Parents on school councils in Alberta identify issues affecting ECS-12 students that they would like addressed, changed or resolved, to effect change in provincial education.
- > School councils “sponsor” a **Proposed Advocacy Resolution** submitted to ASCA by January 15th.
- > ASCA works with sponsors of proposed resolutions to finalize intent, wording and formatting for presentation to members.
- > Proposed Advocacy Resolutions distributed to members for discussion in their communities.
- > ASCA members participate in pre-sorting (online) to provide advance input on the proposed resolutions.
- > Pre-meeting materials are processed, and members register for the AGM event.
- > Meeting day – final voting on the proposed resolutions and additional association business.
- > Resolutions passed become belief statements, advisory positions as Advocacy Policy of ASCA.
- > ASCA forwards the new policies to government and the Education Ministry.
- > Advocacy policies are utilized to express the views of members (parents on school council perspectives), when contributing input at provincial education committee meetings.

