

ASCA School Council Engagement Task Force – October 2020 REQUEST FOR INPUT

Thank you for participating in the *School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF)* for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

The feedback your school council parent representative compiles and submits to the ASCA is greatly appreciated by the Board to assist in their considerations on education issues in Alberta.

The Board utilizes information gathered to inform the advocacy work of the association. This may include advising at external committee meetings, sharing with appropriate Ministries or provincial education organizations, and the potential for Board sponsored Advocacy Resolutions.

Request for input regarding “**Weighted Moving Average Funding Model**”.

Background/context:

Alberta Education updated the K to 12 education funding model for the first time in 15 years to improve funding and accountability processes in meeting the needs of students.

The new model moves to a 3-year weighted average method rather than a one-year enrolment count after the school year has started to provide more predictability in funding. School authorities will know how much provincial funding is available by the end of March each year, instead of September.

The weighted moving average method for all K to 12 education grants started in September 2020.

This calculates average enrolment by assigning a larger weighting to the more recent year's enrolment than weighting on the previous year's enrolment.

The Ministry will work with school authorities on overall enrolment projections to calculate the weighted factor.

School year	Weighted factor	Enrolment count
Previous	20%	Actual
Current	30%	Estimates
Next	50%	Projection

[More information on the new K-12 education funding model.](#)

Please submit feedback to ASCA by **December 18, 2020**.

1) Has your school, school division, school board or trustee provided information to your school council and/or parents explaining the new *Weighted Moving Average* funding model, and how it differs from the previous (per student) funding model?

Yes No Comments:

2) Does your School Council understand the *Weighted Moving Average* funding model?

Yes No Comments:

3) Has your School Council discussed how the *Weighted Moving Average* funding model will affect your school and school division?

Yes No Comments:

4) Does your School Council believe the *Weighted Moving Average* funding model will be better or worse for school?

Better Worse Unsure Comments:

5) Does your School Council believe the *Weighted Moving Average* funding model allows for sufficient resources and supports for the students in your school?

Yes No Comments:

6) Has your school, school division, school board or trustee conveyed to your school council any concerns regarding student enrolment thorough Covid-19 and the resulting potential impact on the *Weighted Moving Average* funding it may receive in 2021-2022?

Yes No Comments

7) As a result of the *Weighted Moving Average* funding model, were there changes to school fees in your school or school division?

Yes No Comments:

School Council Name: _____

Thank you for your input!

Link to online input FORM:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-council-engagement-task-force-input>