

# ASCA Member Discussion Forum Summary

## 2021 Annual Conference

### Education Minister Questions

### ASCA Member Perspectives

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- As the Minister has said, this curriculum is a draft, and open for change. If the feedback is overwhelmingly negative, will the Minister commit to postponing the implementation while issues are addressed?
- Can the Minister please commit to making all feedback on the draft curriculum public?
- The Minister referred to several changes to various funding streams during her address. It is possible to get a copy of her remarks today or a summary of those changes she mentioned?
- I would like this as well! I'm new here, and not totally familiar with all of the school funding grants. A printed version would be immensely helpful to me!
- In the interest of transparency, I wholeheartedly agree with this request.
- There was so much information, very quickly presented, in the Minister's Address. Could we possibly get a print transcript? I need time to digest the information. Oh! I see I'm just another vote for a transcript request.
- <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/1485-5542> it's not exactly a user-friendly document, but all of the remarks in the first ~20 minutes were about changes to this document. You can see, since last March, it's been changed many times.
- I would have liked to ask the Minister how she sees her role as an advocate with the government. What are her thoughts on advocating for teachers being considered essential workers and speeding up their access to vaccines?
- Families can't afford private speech lessons. What is being done about this?
- I would like to ask the minister how she thinks all Albertan children will see themselves in this curriculum when the Indigenous perspective is all but erased in framed in terms of 'sacrifice'.
- That is a great question Wendy. We understand that our Trustees wrote a letter in support of our school staff would be expedited to be vaccinated. There hasn't been any response.
- I tweeted and asked for a transcript. I'm rather surprised the meeting isn't recorded.
- Hi Everyone. I have asked the Minister's Chief of Staff for a copy of the Minister's speaking notes for posting on our website. I can't promise that we'll receive a copy, but the question has been asked.
- I agree. My son is in ELP this year. He was mild/moderate and was in speech this year. His therapist is amazing, but could only do so much. She also had over 100 cases just at his school. This is not the therapist's fault, but a fault in our system.
- Both of my kids do ELP and the school hired someone private for in the school. They can only take on so many students. My children are considered not high risk and not getting the ELP that they need. So they are suffering from it.
- I'm not familiar with ELP, please help!
- Second this request
- Comment for minister if this feed is passed along: As a parent, knowing ASCA had requested time be available for questions from the attending members, it did not send a positive message that those questions were, in my opinion, conveniently avoided.
- Agreed. A little too convenient IMO. At the beginning it was mentioned it was a long-winded speech so they knew in advance. I'm disappointed.
- English language program
- I have a question for the minister related to the closing of Alberta Distance Learning. So many students who learn in non-traditional ways (online, self-directed, inreach, outreach) rely on this material. What are those students supposed to use now?
- I missed this, students can no longer learn through distance learning? Is this for high school kids as well? This seems very controlling to me, hopefully there is a positive spin on this?