

ASCA Member Discussion Forum Summary

2021 Annual Conference

Assurance Framework

ASCA Member Perspectives

- Just this week I looked at the Assurance framework, and it was very similar to the Accountability pillars. Just a new name for the same types of question?
- Also, I've always wondered why the questions are geared to Gr. 7 and 10 parents/students. When my child was starting jr. or sr. high, I had a hard time evaluating the whole school. I could give a more thorough answer even a year later when we had experienced more at that school.
- It's another Ministry gong show.
- They came to learn that the Ministry/Dept had decided to totally re-do the assurance framework. So they just decided not to collect data this year. And will eventually get around to making a new framework.
- No governing document, no notice.
- CASS (Superintendents) have put together a really good summary document on this, with links to presentations: <https://cassalberta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Assurance-Learning-Guide-FINAL.pdf>.
- That's from 2020, does it reflect the changes made to the surveys that normally go out? The Ministry claimed they needed to make changes "due to COVID".
- I did receive a survey for my 4th grader, but it was much later than usual.
- I was told they didn't go to everyone, my school wanted to me to watch for it LOL.
- It was later because they were just developing the Assurance Survey instead of the Accountability Pillar which usually goes out in February. Everybody received it just recently. Or was notified that they need to complete it online.