



## Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2025 Annual General Meeting Advocacy Resolutions Results

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### A25-01 – Revise existing ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 **Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students** by:

Striking out “and other education stakeholders and partners to pause the proposed changes until meaningful consultation on the substance of the policy, not only its implementation, has occurred with key stakeholders including 2SLGBTQIA+ students, 2SLGBTQIA+ community-based organizations, teachers, and the ATA, parents and ASCA, and school board associations.” and inserting “to retract changes implemented through the Education Amendment Act, 2024 related to parental notification and consent policies for preferred name and pronouns; and learning and teaching resources related to gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.”

**Adopted with 78.02% in favour.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 **Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students** by:

Striking out “and other education stakeholders and partners to maintain the current” and inserting “to return to previous.”

**Adopted with 77.78% in favour.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Motion:** To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 **Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students** by:

By striking out “for sexual education” and inserting “where courses, programs of study or instructional materials, or instruction or exercises, include subject-matter that deals primarily and explicitly with human sexuality.”

**Adopted with 77.32% in favour.**

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### P25-01: Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta

Sponsor: Sundance School Council

**Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education and relevant ministries to fund about a dozen electric school bus pilot projects in diverse rural and urban districts across northern, central, and southern Alberta. The pilot results could help guide a transition to a healthier and safer school bus fleet province wide.

**Defeated with 64.42% opposed.**



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### **P25-02: Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools**

Sponsor: Fish Creek Elementary School Council

**Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education to mandate that school boards receive additional dedicated funding from the Ministry of Education, separate from per-student and regular division funding, to provide all public schools with full-time and/or part-time as determined by individual school administration, including but not limited to, gym teachers, music teachers, librarians, counsellors/wellness workers, and resource teachers (i.e. reading and math specialists).

Furthermore, that the Minister of Education mandates that school boards receive additional dedicated funding from the Ministry of Education, separate from per-student and regular division funding, to provide other specialist teachers, such as gifted and talented, arts (other than music), science and technology specialists, and specialists in instructional coaching and guidance/counselling roles in all public schools that request those staff positions.

**Main Motion as Amended: Adopted with 73.2% in favour.**

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### **P25-03: Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools**

Sponsor: Fish Creek Elementary School Council

**Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education to:

- Mandate the following annual data related to all schools, ranging K-12, within Alberta public school boards be publicly reported, as soon as possible upon completion of the school year, including:
  - i. Funding calculations and rationale for each school;
  - ii. Staffing details by type of educational professional, including specialists;
  - iii. Actual enrollment figures;
  - iv. Average class size by grade;
  - v. Teacher retention and turnover rates;
  - vi. Technology access per student (e.g., computer-to-student ratio);
  - vii. Average years of teacher experience;
- Ensure funding for this report is provided by the Ministry of Education, separate from current division allocations, to avoid additional burdens on schools.
- Commission an independent third-party consultant to collect and analyze the data, publish the results on a publicly accessible website, and notify all parents with children in Alberta public schools of its availability no later than 6 months after the completion of that school year.

**Main Motion as Amended: Defeated with 55.21% opposed.**

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### **P25-04: Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3**

Sponsor: St. Patrick Catholic School Council

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education to discontinue the new mandatory timed literacy and numeracy testing of kindergarteners to grade 3 mandated for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.

**Adopted with 73.96% in favour.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) **Advocacy Policy 12-4 Assessment Measures of Students Success (2017)** be amended to read:

That the Alberta Education develops age appropriate, equitable and adaptable assessment tools and authentic measures that reflect how deep the learning is in our school system, and measure student success with respect to the competencies that are the foundation of the current curriculum development work.

**Adopted with 88.76% in favour.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Motion:** That Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) **Advocacy Policy 18-3A Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Early Screening** be amended to read:

That the Alberta School Councils' Association advocate to the Ministry of Education for ~~mandatory early~~ fully funded, developmentally appropriate, easily accessible, equitable and untimed screening for learning or developmental challenges so that children will be identified earlier in the school year as well as in their educational journey, receive the needed supports and resources ~~and to~~ experience success from the beginning.

**Main Motion as Amended: Adopted with 86.36% in favour.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Motion:** That Alberta School Councils (ASCA) **Advocacy Policy 03-7 Sharing Responsibility for Appropriate Use of Standardized Testing (2014, 2024)** be amended to read:

That ASCA collaborates with Alberta Education and relevant education stakeholders to:

- Ensure positive, developmentally appropriate, and inclusive standardized testing environments for all students.
- Develop and distribute a discussion guide to aid parents in constructive dialogues about their child's standardized test results during parent-teacher interviews, fostering a student/parent/teacher team plan to enhance learning.
- Explore ways to use standardized test results for meaningful professional development for teachers and administrators.

**Adopted with 90.59% in favour.**



## Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2025 Annual General Meeting Advocacy Resolutions Results

### **P25-05: Online Safety**

Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 33 (Board Responsibilities) of the Alberta Education Act: Each board must establish a Committee composed of representatives including, but not limited to, educators, counselors, law enforcement, and appropriate professionals, to recognize, report, and respond effectively to all forms of harm affecting students, including bullying, racism, online harms, physical harm, and threats to student safety or well-being. The committee must refer cases to appropriate support services, notify the school principal, report to Alberta Education, and ensure appropriate follow-up to protect and support all impacted students.

**Main Motion as Amended: Defeated with 54.32% opposed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 33 (Board Responsibilities) of the Alberta Education Act: Each board must ensure mandatory age appropriate in school instruction for students and equivalent resources for parents/guardians on the reporting of online harms, the risks of sharing non-consensual digital content, the harms of exposure to pornography, strategies for protecting digital privacy and security, and awareness of agencies and resources available for support. Before this instruction is delivered, parents must be informed of the topics covered, and provided with an opt-out option for their child.

**Main Motion as Amended: Adopted with Unanimous Consent.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Motion:** That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 56 (Student records) of the Alberta Education Act: Each board must ensure that all student records (e.g. contact details, learner supports, and school health details) including those maintained by third-party service providers, are anonymized where possible and encrypted at all stages of storage, transmission, and processing. Boards must verify that third-party service providers comply with these standards and provide safeguards to protect against unauthorized access, breaches, or data loss. Student records must not be retained beyond the time necessary to fulfill their lawful purpose and must be securely destroyed or anonymized when no longer required.

**Adopted with Unanimous Consent.**

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