

Additional email comments from the Education Minister regarding Advocacy Policies passed 2019

From: EDC Minister

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Subject: Response to June 10, 2019 Email

Dear Ms. Keiver:

Thank you for your June 10, 2019 email following up on my response to the Alberta School Councils' Association's advocacy resolutions from your spring AGM.

My focus at this time is listening to the perspectives of education stakeholders. I am hearing from a number of stakeholders on a variety of topics and learning more about the issues facing our education system.

Although it would be premature for me to respond to some of your resolutions before I have had a chance to engage with a sufficiently broad range of stakeholders, I would like to address the issue of education funding, which is a key factor in many of the ASCA resolutions.

Our government's commitments for funding have been clear. We will ensure students receive the supports they need to be successful, and enrolment growth will be accounted for. Albertans can be confident that our government is making thoughtful, prudent decisions to ensure students continue to receive a high-quality education.

Our government is taking a close look at Alberta's fiscal situation to determine where our money is going. This work has already begun with the creation of the MacKinnon Panel. Information from this review will guide our decisions to eliminate waste, duplication and non-essential spending so we can fund key priorities.

The panel's review will help inform government's preparation of Budget 2019, which will be announced in fall 2019. No final decisions have been made on education funding at this time; however, I can assure you our government remains committed to education funding.

I hope to be able to respond more thoroughly to ASCA's resolutions later this year. In the meantime, I wish you and your members a pleasant summer, and I thank you for your diligence in representing the voice of school councils in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Adriana LaGrange

Minister of Education