

**High School Completion Task Force**  
**Advocacy Plan – Adopted May 7, 2009**

ISSUE	TASK	START DATE	TARGET COMPLETION DATE	ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY	COMMENTS
<b>1.0 Survey of Alberta School Boards</b>	ASBA to survey Alberta school boards to assist in identifying students at risk and boards' current efforts to improve high school completion rates	January 2009	May 2009	ASBA High School Completion Task Force	<i>Responses to the ASBA survey to be submitted by end of April, 2009 in order to facilitate review and analysis of responses by the task force committee (analysis to focus on determining students at risk, the most efficient use of resources and practices which minimize the duplication of efforts between school boards)</i>
<b>2.0 Support Services to School Boards</b>	ASBA to assist Alberta school boards in strategic planning and policy development efforts in support of improving high school completion rates	May 2009	June 2010	ASBA High School Completion Task Force & ASBA Association Affairs	<i>Objective is to encourage greater management and support of the efforts related to improving high school completion rates</i>
<b>3.0 Professional Development</b>	ASBA to support Alberta school boards in sharing their experiences in attempting to improve high school completion rates				
<b>3.1</b>	Department of Education presentation on calculation of high school completion and drop-out rates	September 2008	November 2008	ASBA High School Completion Task Force & Department	<i>Keith Bowen held information sessions at the 2008 ASBA FGM related to the Department of Education's methodology for calculating these rates; may look to providing this</i>

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				Representatives	<i>periodically to inform and educate boards</i>
<b>3.2</b>	ASBA to investigate the possibility of convening a High School Completion Symposium	May 2009	June 2010	ASBA High School Completion Task Force	<i>ASBA shall encourage the participation of education partners in the development and offering of such an event</i>
<b>3.3</b>	ASBA to provide boards with the opportunity to showcase their efforts	<i>to coincide with ASBA major events, or other education stakeholder events as appropriate, and/or by electronic means</i>		ASBA High School Completion Task Force, Alberta School Boards & ASBA Communications Director	<i>ASBA to provide an opportunity for boards to showcase their initiatives at ASBA major events or other education stakeholder events as appropriate (storyboard format)</i>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Communications</b> ASBA to collate information related to improving high school completion rates on their website	March 2009	May 2009 – but ongoing and remains current	ASBA High School Completion Task Force & ASBA Communications Director	<i>ASBA to assist in maintaining a listing of resources to assist boards in accessing programs and related information from various sources</i>