

What school boards decided at the ASBA's 2008 annual meeting

These positions are now ASBA policy

Superintendent Appointments

School boards want a change to the School Act to end the requirement that the Minister of Education approve the appointment of the superintendent.

Accommodations for Assistive Technology

School boards urge Alberta Education to allow the use of authorized assistive technology, including approved text to speech software programs, as an accommodation for students when they write achievement tests and diploma exams.

School Act Amendment to Provide for Board Meeting Attendance via Videoconference

School boards referred a proposal to allow trustees to attend school board meetings via videoconference to the ASBA Board of Directors to examine the legal ramifications and bring a proposal to the membership at 2009 Spring General Meeting.

Safe Communities and Safe Schools

School boards believe funding is needed to implement the recommendations in the Safe Communities and Crime Reduction Task Force report, including support for School Liaison Officers (November 2007).

School Support Therapists

School boards urge the appropriate ministers to make the training and accreditation of speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, mental health therapists and physiotherapists a high government priority.

Universal Assessment, by Age 30 Months, to Identify At-Risk Children

School boards want the provincial government to conduct universal assessment of children, by age 30 months, to identify children who are at risk of not achieving to the level of their potential.

Pre-Kindergarten Funding for At-Risk Children

School boards want the provincial government to fund up to full-time pre-kindergarten for those children who by assessment are identified as at risk of not achieving to the level of their potential.

Increasing Class Size Initiative Funding for Increased Enrollment

School boards want Alberta Education to increase Class-Size Initiative (CSI) dollars in relation to annual enrollment increases for growing school divisions.

Information Sharing Protocols During Formal Risk and Threat Assessment Processes

School boards want Alberta Education to establish and/or revise joint protocols with other ministries, such as Justice and Health, to ensure appropriate information sharing occurs in an expeditious manner when formal risk and threat assessment processes are initiated to address student safety.

Oil and Gas Development: Buffer Zones Around Schools

School boards want legislation introduced to require buffer zones around any school where oil and gas activity presents a danger to students and employees.