

ASBA Governance Facts

AND HOW ASBA IS DIFFERENT FROM SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

Fact Sheet Two

ABCs

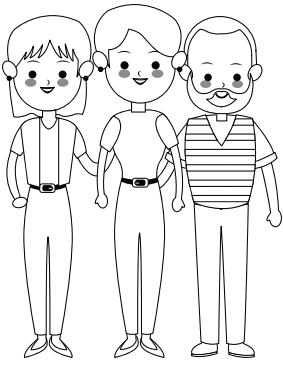
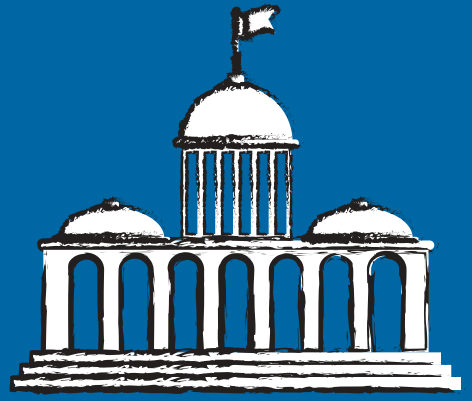


1. WHAT IS AN ABC?

An agency, board or commission.

2. AN ABC IS:

- Established by government to perform a public function.
- Accountable to the government although they operate at arm's length from government.
- Primarily appointed by government.



3. ASBA IS NOT AN ABC. ASBA IS AN ASSOCIATION.

While it is established by legislation, ASBA is:

- Accountable to members.
- Members are Alberta school boards, not appointed by government.

4. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF NOT BEING AN ABC?

- ASBA is not bound by the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act, which sets out governance requirements such as membership terms, members' codes of conduct, etc. ASBA sets its own governance requirements in its bylaws, in accordance with the ASBA Act.
- The ASBA is not required to disclose salaries (for example, through a "sunshine list") or expenses, although ASBA has chosen to do this in the past.
- Government cannot direct ASBA's budgets or expenditures.

