



ACSTA

Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

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2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ORDER PAPER

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Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

2026 Annual General Meeting

Order Paper

 **Location:** The Westin Edmonton, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Room

 **Date:** November 14 - 15, 2026

 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. – TBD

1. Call to Order

- 1.1** **Call to Order**
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- 1.3** **Land Acknowledgement**
- 1.4** **Welcome Remarks**

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8.4 Adjournment

ACSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Rules of Order

INTRODUCTION

In order to expedite the disposal of resolutions to be placed before the Annual General Meeting, it is necessary to approve certain rules to govern procedures. Some of the rules may be specific parliamentary procedures such as in Robert's Rules of Order, while others are less formal and reside with each individual in the interests of courtesy, cooperation and respect for all concerned as well as for the business at hand.

1. RESOLUTIONS

1.1 Resolutions Committee

ACSTA Bylaw 9.1 authorizes the appointment of a Resolutions Committee. All Regular (or 'Ordinary') Resolutions are to be delivered to this committee for review.

1.2 Types of Resolutions:

1.2.1 Regular (or 'Ordinary') Resolutions

Regular resolutions require a simple majority (50% + 1) for approval. Regular resolutions include various methods of voting by: show of hands; non-weighted ballots; and weighted ballots. See section 7.6 of the ACSTA Bylaws.

1.2.2 Emergent Resolutions

An Emergent Resolution concerns an urgent issue arising unexpectedly after the deadline for submission of Regular Resolutions has passed. Emergent Resolutions may only be presented at the AGM with the approval of a majority of the votes present. The proposed resolution shall be presented in writing with sufficient copies for the Members in attendance.

1.2.3 Special Resolutions

Special Resolutions deal specifically with amendments to the Association Bylaws or Objects. They require the approval of no less than 75% of the Members present at the AGM. For a Special Resolution to be brought forward as an Emergent Resolution requires the unanimous approval of Members present at the AGM.

1.3 Adoption of the Order Paper

Resolutions will be presented in the order in which they appear on the order paper. As per Robert's Rules of Order, a simple majority vote in favor of the amendment is all that is required to amend the agenda before its adoption. To amend the agenda after its adoption requires a 2/3 majority vote.

2. PROCEDURAL STEPS

- 2.1 Proposed resolutions shall be read by the Chair, who will immediately ask for a mover and Second.
- 2.2 As soon as a proposed resolution has been moved and seconded, the Chair will call upon the mover to speak to the proposed resolution.
- 2.3 The Chair will then ask if any member wishes to speak for or against the proposed resolution. If no member so wishes, the question shall be called.
- 2.4 A member wishing to speak to a resolution must first obtain recognition by the Chair and clearly announce his/her name and school jurisdiction represented.
- 2.5 If there is evidence of opposition, debate shall continue until the question is called by the Chair. The mover will have the right to be the final speaker in the debate.
- 2.6 Each member may speak for up to three(3) minutes at a time.
- 2.7 Any member speaking to a resolution may be allowed to speak as often as the Chair, at his or her discretion, permits, provided that members keep their remarks relevant to the resolution, and that those that have not spoken yet have the first right to do so.
- 2.8 A member may, at any time during debate on a motion, move an amendment to the motion, provided it is not contrary to the intention of the main motion. Motions to amend must be seconded.
- 2.9 Guests may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the Chair but may not move, second, or amend a motion, or vote.
- 2.10 Other resolution proceedings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, and the Bylaws of the Association.

3. VOTING

3.1 Show of Hands

Excepting Sections 3.2 and 3.3 below, voting on all matters shall be by show of hands by members present unless otherwise called by a member. (see Bylaws, section 7.6 and 7.7).

3.2 Non-Weighted Ballots

- 3.2.1 A Non-Weighted Ballot means a vote taken by a Ballot based on “one Member, one vote”:
- 3.2.2 Where a vote is to be conducted by show of hands, and prior to the question being put to a vote, a number of Members equal to not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes present may request a secret ballot, and where so requested the vote in question will then be conducted by written ballot or other means whereby the tallied votes can be presented anonymously in such a way that it is impossible for the assembly to discern how a given Member voted.” (Bylaws, section 7.7).

3.3 Weighted Ballots

Weighted Ballots shall be used to vote on Resolutions of a budgetary or primarily financial matter, as determined by the President (see Bylaws, Section 7.11). The weighting of each ballot is determined by the prescribed procedure in the Distribution of Weighted Ballots document attached (see Bylaws, Section 2.1(l) and Exhibit 1).



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RESOLUTION 26-1
(Regular by Weighted Ballot)

REGULAR RESOLUTION

FOR PRESENTATION TO THE 2026 ACSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEREAS the proposed operating budget reflects the Board of Directors' intention to present a balanced budget, with a 2% increase to the per-student assessment fee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed 2026 ACSTA operating budget in the amount of \$1,387,211.00 be approved; further, the related membership assessment be \$9.84 for each of the first 1,000 students, \$4.94 for each student thereafter, and \$2.64 for each home education student.

Sponsored by:

ACSTA Board of Directors

Proposed ACSTA 2027 Membership Assessments (with 2% increase)

Division	Sept. 30, 2024 TOTAL Enrollment	Sept.30, 2025 Enrollment Less Home Education	Sept.30, 2025 Home Education Enrollment	Sept. 30, 2025 TOTAL Enrollment	Change in Enrollment	2026 Membership Assessment	2027 Proposed Membership Assessment	Change in Membership Assessment
Calgary RCSSD	59,504	60,466	18	60,484	980	\$283,473.47	\$303,649.56	\$20,176.09
Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY) ¹	994	994		994	0	\$9,235.05	\$9,780.96	\$545.91
Christ the Redeemer CSSD	9,776	7,910	2,135	10,045	269	\$46,180.61	\$49,611.80	\$3,431.19
Conseil scolaire Centre-Est	639	660	23	683	44	\$7,073.45	\$6,555.12	-\$518.33
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord	2,833	2,774	10	2,784	-49	\$17,245.11	\$18,629.96	\$1,384.85
Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest	147	153		153	6	\$1,437.85	\$1,505.52	\$67.67
Conseil scolaire Francosud	1,100	1,030		1,030	-70	\$9,871.95	\$9,988.20	\$116.25
East Central Alberta CSSD	2,416	2,001	526	2,527	111	\$14,945.61	\$16,173.58	\$1,227.97
Edmonton CSSD	46,466	47,402	104	47,506	1,040	\$217,257.01	\$239,340.44	\$22,083.43
Elk Island CSSD	7,942	6,561	2,057	8,618	676	\$37,176.57	\$42,741.82	\$5,565.25
Evergreen CSSD	3,874	3,927		3,927	53	\$22,993.88	\$24,299.38	\$1,305.50
Fort McMurray RCSSD	6,039	6,150		6,150	111	\$33,549.92	\$35,281.00	\$1,731.08
Grande Prairie RCSSD	4,717	4,647		4,647	-70	\$28,049.43	\$27,856.18	-\$193.25
Greater St. Albert RCSSD	5,300	5,464	4	5,468	168	\$29,687.94	\$31,902.72	\$2,214.78
Holy Family CSSD	1,725	1,706		1,706	-19	\$12,512.48	\$13,327.64	\$815.16
Holy Spirit RCSSD	4,962	5,089		5,089	127	\$28,095.24	\$30,039.66	\$1,944.42
Lakeland RCSSD	2,516	2,601		2,601	85	\$16,910.00	\$17,748.94	\$838.94
Living Waters CSSD	1,648	1,643		1,643	-5	\$12,602.40	\$13,016.42	\$414.02
Lloydminster RCSSD ¹	1,613	1,633	4	1,637	24	\$12,305.04	\$12,977.58	\$672.54
Medicine Hat RCSSD	2,646	2,607	8	2,615	-31	\$17,577.92	\$17,799.70	\$221.78
Red Deer CSSD	9,861	8,935	922	9,857	-4	\$49,827.73	\$51,472.98	\$1,645.25
St. Paul School Division ¹	876	861		861	-15	\$8,144.60	\$8,472.24	\$327.64
St. Thomas Aquinas RCSSD	4,433	4,574		4,574	141	\$25,834.96	\$27,495.56	\$1,660.60
Yellowknife Catholic Schools ¹	1,135	1,143		1,143	8	\$10,632.52	\$10,543.95	-\$88.57
Total:	183,162	180,931	5,811	186,742	3,580	\$952,620.74	\$1,020,210.91	\$67,590.17

Proposed Formula with 2% increase:

Total Enrollment based on the *Alberta Education (September 30, 2025) 2025/2026 School Enrolment Data (excluding ECS)*

First 1,000 Students - **\$9.84**

https://www.alberta.ca/student-population-statistics.aspx?utm_source=redirector#toc-0

Each Student thereafter - **\$4.94**

¹ Total Enrollment submitted by school board.

Per Home Education Student - **\$2.64**

ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION
Proposed 2027 Budget

Item	2025 Audited	2026 Budget	2026 Actual 30-Sep-26 YTD	2026 Budget 30-Sep-26 % Utilized	2027 Proposed
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REVENUE:

1	2%	Membership Assessments	\$ 952,621	\$ 952,621	\$ 808,501	84.9%	\$ 1,020,211
2		Investment Income	27,101	10,000	10,234	102.3%	12,000
3		SPICE & Blueprints Retreats	275,820	250,000	268,660	107.5%	260,000
4		AGM & Convention	92,864	90,000	-1,515	-1.7%	95,000
5		Donations	5,568	0	0	0.0%	0
6		TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 1,353,974	\$ 1,302,621	\$ 1,085,880	83.4%	\$1,387,211

EXPENSES:

OFFICE

7		Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 800
8		Equipment Rental	8,890	5,984	6,045	101.0%	6,200
9		Facility Rent & Maintenance	60,989	65,000	31,132	47.9%	60,000
10		Library/Subscriptions/Memberships	0	250	0	0.0%	400
11		Office Supplies/Printing/Postage/Fees	24,234	15,000	3,437	22.9%	22,000
12		Telephone/Website/Email	6,189	5,700	3,965	69.6%	6,000
13		Ammortization	6,301	4,100	0	0.0%	5,811
14		Total Office Expenses:	\$ 106,603	\$ 97,034	\$ 44,579	45.9%	\$ 101,211

ADMINISTRATIVE

15		Audit	\$ 16,490	\$ 13,325	\$ 16,275	122.1%	\$ 16,500
16		CCSTA Membership	44,091	44,091	45,010	102.1%	46,000
17		Legal expenses	54,998	100,000	17,092	17.1%	63,000
18		Insurance	8,500	8,500	8,966	105.5%	9,000
19		Total Administrative Expenses:	\$ 124,079	\$ 165,916	\$ 87,343	52.6%	\$ 134,500

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

20		Directors' Travel	\$ 86,691	\$ 65,000	\$ 30,593	47.1%	\$ 83,000
21		GrACE Representatives	510	1,000	85	8.5%	1,000
22		Officers' Honoraria	7,249	7,250	3,624	50.0%	10,000
23		Officers, Director and Committee Member Per Diem	7,250	23,000	10,893	47.4%	23,000
24		Total Directors' Expenses	\$ 101,700	\$ 96,250	\$ 45,195	47.0%	\$ 117,000

HUMAN RESOURCES

25		Salaries	\$ 528,821	\$ 400,000	\$ 190,110	47.5%	\$ 470,000
26		Casual Staffing	0	10,000	3,485	34.8%	0
27		Benefits		78,821	55,018	69.8%	95,000
28		Staff Professional Development	702	2,000	154	7.7%	3,500
29		Executive Director & Staff Travel	10,119	7,000	2,070	29.6%	4,000
30		External Contracted Services	18,388	30,000	6,624	22.1%	22,500
31		Recruitment	0	0	0	0.0%	0
32		Total Human Resources Expenses:	\$ 558,030	\$ 527,821	\$ 257,461	48.8%	\$ 595,000

ADVOCACY/ACTIVITIES

33		SPICE and Blueprints Retreats	\$ 273,002	\$ 230,000	\$ 274,532	119.4%	\$ 260,000
34		AGM & Convention	92,864	90,000	10,643	11.8%	95,000
35		Trustee Professional Development	1,500	6,000	1,000	16.7%	2,500
36		Advocacy	45,000	31,000	20,884	67.40%	29,000
37		GrACE	50,000	50,000	50,000	100.0%	50,000
38		Governance	13,197	11,607	259	2.2%	0
39		Scholarships	3,000	3,000	1,500	50.0%	3,000
40		Total Activity Expenses:	\$ 478,563	\$ 421,607	\$ 358,817	85.1%	\$ 439,500
41		TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,368,975	\$ 1,308,628	\$ 793,396	60.6%	\$1,387,211
42		Excess (-Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	\$ (15,001)	\$ (6,007)	\$ 292,484		\$ (0)

Reserves at December 31, 2025 (Audited)		
Restricted	Legislative challenges	\$500,000
	Advocacy reserve	\$81,584
	Capital reserve	\$2,700
	Total Restricted Reserves	\$584,284
Unrestricted	Special activities	\$4,430
	Contingency	\$300,000
	Total Unrestricted Reserves	\$304,430
	TOTAL RESERVES:	\$888,714

2026 ACSTA Budget Notes

Line #	Item	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	Notes
Revenue					
1	Member Assessments	952621	952621	1020211	2% increase. Based on enrollment #'s from 2025/2026
2	Investment Income	27101	10000	12000	Current rates from BoC(2.5-2.75%) vs. 2024 projected rates at an average of 5%
3	Spice & Blueprints	275820	250000	260000	This is becoming the new revenue # on average over the years. This event is intended to be a break-even event.
4	AGM	92864	90000	95000	No change. Costs are generally standard. AGM is not intended to be a profit-generating event
5	Donations	5568	0	0	Donations are not expected revenue, but if received, a bonus. Generally, the donations are received through the AGM.
6	Totals	1353974	1302621	1387211	
<u>General Notes about revenue</u> 2% increase in Membership fees. There has not been an increase to assessments since before 2020					
Expenses					
7	Equipment Maintenance	0	1000	800	For internal office equipment maintenance.
8	Equipment Rental	8890	5984	6200	Staying status quo. Based on a 3-year agreement that was renewed May of 2025.- expires March 2028 Photocopier
9	Facility Rent &	60989	65000	60000	Renewed agreement May 31, 2025

	maintenance				
10	Library/Subscrip tion/Membership s	0	250	400	For software, app, and newspaper subscriptions and other membership fees.
11	Office	24234	15000	22000	An average increase based on costs rising. 11% Bank fees, service charges, cheques, RICOH Canada (ink, paper), general office supply expenses and staff expenses.
12	Telephone/Web site/Email	6189	5700	6000	Average increase based on costs rising. Office & cell phones, website hosting, Zoom fees, internet. Proposed amount based on average.
13	Amortization	6301	4100	5811	For funds based on capital costs
14	Totals	106603	97034	101211	

General Notes about office expenses

- Overall, approximately a 5% decrease in this category

Administrative

15	Audit	16490	13325	16500	Based on actual 2025 expenses.
16	CCSTA membership	44091	44091	46000	CCSTA did not pass a budget for 2027. Our budget number reflects our best guess on what membership fees may be for 2027.
17	Legal Expenses	54998	100000	63000	We are experiencing high expenses in this category due to legislation reviews. This category currently includes general contract, labour, and association/advocacy legal expenses.
18	Insurance	8500	8500	9000	6% increase expected. + the board has discussed the possibility of digital based /fraud insurance. Includes director liability & property and general insurance.
19	Totals	124079	165916	134500	

General notes for Admin:

- None

Board of Directors					
20	Directors Travel	86691	65000	83000	Based on the average from the 2025 Audit. In-person travel, hotel etc., meetings, mileage, and the board retreat, incl. Executive travel and expenses are now recorded under line 23.
21	Grace Reps	510	1000	1000	Based on 2 representatives attending the GrACE meetings. On average, this is an underclaimed category, but qualifies for per diems. Based on past claims & the cost of 2 people x per diems for meetings
22	Officers Honoraria	7249	7250	10000	Based on Budget assumptions as approved in May 2025. \$4000/VP & \$6000/Prez
23	Officers, Director, and committee per diem	7250	23000	23000	For committee meetings and other per diem items for the Executive. Increased activity in both categories creates the need for an increase. The per diem rates are recommended to stay the same. \$170/day & \$85 for ½ day.
24	Totals	101700	96250	117000	
General Notes for BoD:					
An increase of \$15300 in this category represents the work that the board is doing through committees and increasing ACSTA's profile.					
Human Resources					
25	Salaries	528821	400000	470000	This amount reflects what is predicted to be required for staffing for the 2027 year, and takes into consideration the budget realities.
26	Casual Staffing	0	10000	0	This category has not been used in past years. Most staffing expenses are categorized as contract services.
27	Benefits	?	78821	95000	This line item currently includes CPP, EI, WCB, AESBP, etc. The tax pieces in the future should be in the salary line item, and the AESBP and WCB or other benefits should only be in this line item. Leaving a buffer for 2026 for increased costs to AESBP until we correct the calculations and line items.

28	Staff PD	702	2000	35000	There are extra costs forecasted here with a new staff complement and plans to participate in PD in a more fulsome way
29	ED Travel	10119	7000	4000	Based on current activity and “way of doing things”
30	External contracted services	18388	30000	22500	This line item includes Bookkeeping services, Technical services Liturgical/Musical Coordination Services, Facilitators for Board & CEO evaluations.
31	Recruitment	0	0	0	
32	Totals	558030	527821	595000	

Notes for Human Resources:

- None at this time

Advocacy and Activities					
33	Spice & Blueprints	273002	230000	260000	An increase to reflect actual average expenses related to this category. Matches the revenue
34	AGM	92864	90000	95000	Status quo
35	Trustee PD	1500	6000	2500	Used for the Catholic Ed talks. The expenses match the 2027 schedule of speakers.
36	Advocacy	45000	31000	29000	This line item has undergone re-categorization from previous years. Previous items under this category have now been moved to proper categories elsewhere in the budget.
37	GrACE	50000	50000	50000	Status quo until the board directs otherwise
38	Governance	13197	11607	0	Previously, this item was budgeted to include extensive legal work done in the board's governance. There are no projected costs relating to review of governance items for 2027.
39	Scholarships	3000	3000	3000	Kevin Feehan award. This used to be sponsored as an “in & out”. ACSTA will continue with the award at its own cost, as the donation from Denton's ceased in 2024 to cover this cost.

40	Totals	478563	421607	439500	
General comments for activities - Decrease overall in this category as administration moves to record expenses in proper categories. - Advocacy and Activities have been merged as the activities are advocacy activities					
Total Expenses					
		2025 A	2026 B	2027	
41		13689750	1308628	1387211	
42		-15001	-6007	0	



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN ACSTA:

- ✓ We are able to coordinate the resources of our entire membership to defend Catholic education from existential legal threats pertaining to our constitutional protections.
- ✓ We facilitate a meeting ground for Catholic school trustees from across Alberta, Yukon and NWT to gather and discuss common challenges, collectively discerning how best to address them.
- ✓ We monitor the Legislature for activity that may impact the Catholic education system in a particular way, pro-actively researching and strategizing how to best advocate in each case.
- ✓ We develop and maintain a network of provincial legislators, staffers and civil servants, leveraging those relationships in defense of the Catholic education system.
- ✓ We are the primary provincial interface for topics relating to the Catholic education system as a whole, liaising with other provincial organizations (i.e. ATA, ASBA) on a peer-to-peer basis.
- ✓ We serve as a conduit for our members to other large Catholic organizations in Alberta, such as Covenant Health, Catholic Social Services, Catholic postsecondary institutions, CWL, etc.
- ✓ We regularly consult with the Bishops on issues of faith and morals as they pertain to Catholic schools, ensuring our members are properly informed as to the position of the Catholic Church.
- ✓ We provide faith formation and professional development opportunities for Catholic school trustees, as well as senior administrators and educators.
- ✓ We conduct, collect, collate, and share research that contributes to a better understanding of Catholic education (its mission, challenges, outcomes, trends, etc).
- ✓ We coordinate province-wide communications in protection and celebration of the Catholic education system.
- ✓ We provide education to all our members and stakeholders regarding the definition, history and significance (political, spiritual, legal, etc.) of Catholic school trusteeship.



RESOLUTION 26-2
(Regular by show of hands)

REGULAR RESOLUTION

**FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
2026 ACSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

WHEREAS the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association affirms that parents are the primary educators of their children, as taught by the Catholic Church and reflected in provincial, national, and international frameworks;

WHEREAS Catholic separate schools in Alberta are constitutionally protected and have historically provided a distinct and essential form of publicly funded education rooted in faith;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has expressed an ongoing commitment to educational choice within a publicly funded system;

WHEREAS the expansion of educational choice to include a variety of schooling models has introduced differences in governance, accountability, and funding that impact the equitable treatment of publicly funded systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association supports educational choice as a principle grounded in the rights of parents and the dignity of the human person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Association advocates for a fair, equitable, and sustainable education system that respects and protects the constitutional rights of Catholic separate schools;

Sponsored by:

ACSTA Board of Directors

Rationale:

This revised resolution maintains ACSTA's longstanding commitment to parental rights and educational choice, grounded in Catholic Church teaching and the responsibility of parents to direct their children's education and formation. It clarifies that ACSTA's support for educational choice is rooted in these foundational principles and should not be interpreted as an endorsement of every contemporary policy approach or model associated with educational choice.

Catholic separate schools in Alberta have a distinct historical and constitutional foundation and make an essential contribution to the province's publicly funded education system. Their role extends beyond providing an alternative educational setting by name; they enable Catholic parents to exercise their rights and responsibilities by choosing an education grounded in the Catholic faith. The protection and sustainability of Catholic education must therefore remain central to ACSTA's advocacy on educational choice.

As Alberta's education landscape evolves, differences among schooling models in governance, accountability, funding, regulatory requirements, and operational flexibility warrant continued consideration. These differences can affect Catholic school authorities' capacity to serve students and families and may raise concerns about equitable treatment within the publicly funded system. ACSTA's advocacy should seek to ensure that government policies and funding arrangements respect constitutional protections and support the continued viability of Catholic education, while recognizing the distinct characteristics of other educational models.

The resolution is supported by Catholic Church teaching and by legal and human rights frameworks that recognize the role of parents in education. Alberta's *Education Act* recognizes parents' rights and responsibilities in making informed decisions regarding their children's education. The *Constitution Act, 1867*, together with the constitutional provisions applicable to Alberta, provides protections relating to separate schools. Internationally, Article 26(3) of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* affirms the prior right of parents to choose the kind of education given to their children. These frameworks reinforce the principles underlying the resolution.

The proposed position gives ACSTA a clear, principled foundation for its advocacy. It affirms educational choice while explicitly recognizing the constitutional status of Catholic separate schools, the importance of equitable treatment, and the need for sustainable policies that enable Catholic school authorities to fulfill their mission within Alberta's publicly funded education system.



Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

Celebrate, preserve, promote, and enhance Catholic education

RESOLUTION 26-3
(Regular by show of hands)

REGULAR RESOLUTION

**FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
2026 ACSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

WHEREAS the *Justice Statutes Amendments Act*, 2025, removed the prohibition on citizens' initiative petitions pertaining to rights protected under sections 1-35.1 of Canada's *Constitution Act*, 1982;

WHEREAS the constitutional protections afforded to denominational separate schools are (re)affirmed under section 29 of Canada's *Constitution Act*, 1982;

WHEREAS the constitutional rights of denominational separate schools are one of the foundational minority protections that Canada provides to ensure the continuation of the pluralistic and tolerant society that Albertans enjoy today;

WHEREAS it is antithetical to the very concept of minority rights that they should be subjected to referenda by the majority;

WHEREAS Newfoundland's denominational separate schools were eliminated in 1997 following successive provincial referendums;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association actively advocates for the repeal of Alberta's *Citizens' Initiative Act*.

Sponsored by:

ACSTA Board of Directors

Background:

The *Citizens' Initiative Act* was introduced in the Alberta Legislature in the Spring Session of 2021. ACSTA advocated to the Ministers of Education and Justice for an amendment to the bill ensuring that language prohibiting petitions that would negatively impact section 1-35.1 rights was absolutely clear. An amendment was granted that provided that clarity.

The *Justice Statutes Amendments Act*, 2025 (Bill 14) eliminated the prohibition on such petitions.

Rationale:

This legislative change increases the risk to Alberta's publicly funded Catholic school system.

A successful petition proceeds to a provincial referendum. While the Minister of Justice *may* decide not to proceed with implementation of the referendum result, it will be politically difficult for him or her to do so. It will also be politically difficult for the federal government to pass remedial legislation contrary to the will of Albertans.

Fighting a petition, referendum, and constitutional challenge will be costly. The best time to act is now.

There are many other groups (indigenous, Francophone, other schools of choice, religious minorities, free speech advocates, MLAs) that face greater risk as a result of this legislation. ACSTA should build a broad coalition and pursue repeal of the *Act*.

ALBERTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION
2026 Annual General Meeting
Distribution of Weighted Ballots

District	Home Education*		All Other*		TOTAL BALLOTS
	Enrollment	Ballots**	Enrollment	Ballots	
Catholic Education Association of Yukon***			994	39	39
Christ the Redeemer CSSD	2,135	22	7,910	305	327
Conseil scolaire Centre-Est	23	1	660	26	27
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord	10	1	2,774	107	108
Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest			153	6	6
Conseil scolaire FrancoSud			1,030	40	40
East Central Alberta CSSD	526	6	2,001	77	83
Elk Island CSSD	2,057	21	6,561	253	274
Evergreen CSSD			3,927	152	152
Fort McMurray RCSSD			6,150	237	237
Grande Prairie RCSSD			4,647	179	179
Greater St. Albert RCSSD	4	1	5,464	211	212
Holy Family CSSD			1,706	66	66
Holy Spirit RCSSD			5,089	196	196
Lakeland RCSSD			2,601	101	101
Living Waters CSSD			1,643	64	64
Lloydminster RCSSD***	4	1	1,633	63	64
Medicine Hat RCSSD	8	1	2,607	101	102
Red Deer CSSD	922	9	8,935	344	353
St. Paul School Division***			861	34	34
St. Thomas Aquinas RCSSD			4,574	176	176
Yellowknife Catholic Schools***			1,143	44	44
SUBTOTAL		63		2,821	2,884
Calgary RCSSD (57% of Subtotal)	18		60,466		1,644
Edmonton CSSD (43% of Subtotal)	104		47,402		1,240
TOTAL BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED					5,768

(Reference: Bylaw 7.11)

* Total Enrollment based on the Alberta Education 2025/2026 School Enrolment Data (excluding ECS)
https://www.alberta.ca/student-population-statistics.aspx?utm_source=redirector#toc-0

** Home Education Ballots are calculated at 26.86% of the weighted ballots as per the Table of Weighted Ballots (rounded to the nearest number and not less than 1).

*** Enrollment figures submitted by Board.

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CALCULATION TABLE FOR WEIGHTED BALLOTS					
Enrolled	Weighted	Enrolled	Weighted	Enrolled	Weighted
Students	Ballots	Students	Ballots	Students	Ballots
1 - 26	1	1223 - 1248	48	2445 - 2470	95
27 - 52	2	1249 - 1274	49	2471 - 2496	96
53 - 78	3	1275 - 1300	50	2497 - 2522	97
79 - 104	4	1301 - 1326	51	2523 - 2548	98
105 - 130	5	1327 - 1352	52	2549 - 2574	99
131 - 156	6	1353 - 1378	53	2575 - 2600	100
157 - 182	7	1379 - 1404	54	2601 - 2626	101
183 - 208	8	1405 - 1430	55	2627 - 2652	102
209 - 234	9	1431 - 1456	56	2653 - 2678	103
235 - 260	10	1457 - 1482	57	2679 - 2704	104
261 - 286	11	1483 - 1508	58	2705 - 2730	105
287 - 312	12	1509 - 1534	59	2731 - 2756	106
313 - 338	13	1535 - 1560	60	2757 - 2782	107
339 - 364	14	1561 - 1586	61	2783 - 2808	108
365 - 390	15	1587 - 1612	62	2809 - 2834	109
391 - 416	16	1613 - 1638	63	2835 - 2860	110
417 - 442	17	1639 - 1664	64	2861 - 2886	111
443 - 468	18	1665 - 1690	65	2887 - 2912	112
469 - 494	19	1691 - 1716	66	2913 - 2938	113
495 - 520	20	1717 - 1742	67	2939 - 2964	114
521 - 546	21	1743 - 1768	68	2965 - 2990	115
547 - 572	22	1769 - 1794	69	2991 - 3016	116
573 - 598	23	1795 - 1820	70	3017 - 3042	117
599 - 624	24	1821 - 1846	71	3043 - 3068	118
625 - 650	25	1847 - 1872	72	3069 - 3094	119
651 - 676	26	1873 - 1898	73	3095 - 3120	120
677 - 702	27	1899 - 1924	74	3121 - 3146	121
703 - 728	28	1925 - 1950	75	3147 - 3172	122
729 - 754	29	1951 - 1976	76	3173 - 3198	123
755 - 780	30	1977 - 2002	77	3199 - 3224	124
781 - 806	31	2003 - 2028	78	3225 - 3250	125
807 - 832	32	2029 - 2054	79	3251 - 3276	126
833 - 858	33	2055 - 2080	80	3277 - 3302	127
859 - 884	34	2081 - 2106	81	3303 - 3328	128
885 - 910	35	2107 - 2132	82	3329 - 3354	129
911 - 936	36	2133 - 2158	83	3355 - 3380	130
937 - 962	37	2159 - 2184	84	3381 - 3406	131
963 - 988	38	2185 - 2210	85	3407 - 3432	132
989 - 1014	39	2211 - 2236	86	3433 - 3458	133
1015 - 1040	40	2237 - 2262	87	3459 - 3484	134
1041 - 1066	41	2263 - 2288	88	3485 - 3510	135
1067 - 1092	42	2289 - 2314	89	3511 - 3536	136
1093 - 1118	43	2315 - 2340	90	3537 - 3562	137
1119 - 1144	44	2341 - 2366	91	3563 - 3588	138
1145 - 1170	45	2367 - 2392	92	3589 - 3614	139
1171 - 1196	46	2393 - 2418	93	3615 - 3640	140
1197 - 1222	47	2419 - 2444	94	3641 - 3666	141

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Enrolled Students	Weighted Ballots	Enrolled Students	Weighted Ballots	Enrolled Students	Weighted Ballots
3667 - 3692	142	4889 - 4914	189	6111 - 6136	236
3693 - 3718	143	4915 - 4940	190	6137 - 6162	237
3719 - 3744	144	4941 - 4966	191	6163 - 6188	238
3745 - 3770	145	4967 - 4992	192	6189 - 6214	239
3771 - 3796	146	4993 - 5018	193	6215 - 6240	240
3797 - 3822	147	5019 - 5044	194	6241 - 6266	241
3823 - 3848	148	5045 - 5070	195	6267 - 6292	242
3849 - 3874	149	5071 - 5096	196	6293 - 6318	243
3875 - 3900	150	5097 - 5122	197	6319 - 6344	244
3901 - 3926	151	5123 - 5148	198	6345 - 6370	245
3927 - 3952	152	5149 - 5174	199	6371 - 6396	246
3953 - 3978	153	5175 - 5200	200	6397 - 6422	247
3979 - 4004	154	5201 - 5226	201	6423 - 6448	248
4005 - 4030	155	5227 - 5252	202	6449 - 6474	249
4031 - 4056	156	5253 - 5278	203	6475 - 6500	250
4057 - 4082	157	5279 - 5304	204	6501 - 6526	251
4083 - 4108	158	5305 - 5330	205	6527 - 6552	252
4109 - 4134	159	5331 - 5356	206	6553 - 6578	253
4135 - 4160	160	5357 - 5382	207	6579 - 6604	254
4161 - 4186	161	5383 - 5408	208	6605 - 6630	255
4187 - 4212	162	5409 - 5434	209	6631 - 6656	256
4213 - 4238	163	5435 - 5460	210	6657 - 6682	257
4239 - 4264	164	5461 - 5486	211	6683 - 6708	258
4265 - 4290	165	5487 - 5512	212	6709 - 6734	259
4291 - 4316	166	5513 - 5538	213	6735 - 6760	260
4317 - 4342	167	5539 - 5564	214	6761 - 6786	261
4343 - 4368	168	5565 - 5590	215	6787 - 6812	262
4369 - 4394	169	5591 - 5616	216	6813 - 6838	263
4395 - 4420	170	5617 - 5642	217	6839 - 6864	264
4421 - 4446	171	5643 - 5668	218	6865 - 6890	265
4447 - 4472	172	5669 - 5694	219	6891 - 6916	266
4473 - 4498	173	5695 - 5720	220	6917 - 6942	267
4499 - 4524	174	5721 - 5746	221	6943 - 6968	268
4525 - 4550	175	5747 - 5772	222	6969 - 6994	269
4551 - 4576	176	5773 - 5798	223	6995 - 7020	270
4577 - 4602	177	5799 - 5824	224	7021 - 7046	271
4603 - 4628	178	5825 - 5850	225	7047 - 7072	272
4629 - 4654	179	5851 - 5876	226	7073 - 7098	273
4655 - 4680	180	5877 - 5902	227	7099 - 7124	274
4681 - 4706	181	5903 - 5928	228	7125 - 7150	275
4707 - 4732	182	5929 - 5954	229	7151 - 7176	276
4733 - 4758	183	5955 - 5980	230	7177 - 7202	277
4759 - 4784	184	5981 - 6006	231	7203 - 7228	278
4785 - 4810	185	6007 - 6032	232	7229 - 7254	279
4811 - 4836	186	6033 - 6058	233	7255 - 7280	280
4837 - 4862	187	6059 - 6084	234	7281 - 7306	281
4863 - 4888	188	6085 - 6110	235	7307 - 7332	282

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7333 - 7358	283	8555 - 8580	330	9777 - 9802	377
7359 - 7384	284	8581 - 8606	331	9803 - 9828	378
7385 - 7410	285	8607 - 8632	332	9829 - 9854	379
7411 - 7436	286	8633 - 8658	333	9855 - 9880	380
7437 - 7462	287	8659 - 8684	334		
7463 - 7488	288	8685 - 8710	335		
7489 - 7514	289	8711 - 8736	336		
7515 - 7540	290	8737 - 8762	337		
7541 - 7566	291	8763 - 8788	338		
7567 - 7592	292	8789 - 8814	339		
7593 - 7618	293	8815 - 8840	340		
7619 - 7644	294	8841 - 8866	341		
7645 - 7670	295	8867 - 8892	342		
7671 - 7696	296	8893 - 8918	343		
7697 - 7722	297	8919 - 8944	344		
7723 - 7748	298	8945 - 8970	345		
7749 - 7774	299	8971 - 8996	346		
7775 - 7800	300	8997 - 9022	347		
7801 - 7826	301	9023 - 9048	348		
7827 - 7852	302	9049 - 9074	349		
7853 - 7878	303	9075 - 9100	350		
7879 - 7904	304	9101 - 9126	351		
7905 - 7930	305	9127 - 9152	352		
7931 - 7956	306	9153 - 9178	353		
7957 - 7982	307	9179 - 9204	354		
7983 - 8008	308	9205 - 9230	355		
8009 - 8034	309	9231 - 9256	356		
8035 - 8060	310	9257 - 9282	357		
8061 - 8086	311	9283 - 9308	358		
8087 - 8112	312	9309 - 9334	359		
8113 - 8138	313	9335 - 9360	360		
8139 - 8164	314	9361 - 9386	361		
8165 - 8190	315	9387 - 9412	362		
8191 - 8216	316	9413 - 9438	363		
8217 - 8242	317	9439 - 9464	364		
8243 - 8268	318	9465 - 9490	365		
8269 - 8294	319	9491 - 9516	366		
8295 - 8320	320	9517 - 9542	367		
8321 - 8346	321	9543 - 9568	368		
8347 - 8372	322	9569 - 9594	369		
8373 - 8398	323	9595 - 9620	370		
8399 - 8424	324	9621 - 9646	371		
8425 - 8450	325	9647 - 9672	372		
8451 - 8476	326	9673 - 9698	373		
8477 - 8502	327	9699 - 9724	374		
8503 - 8528	328	9725 - 9750	375		
8529 - 8554	329	9751 - 9776	376		