

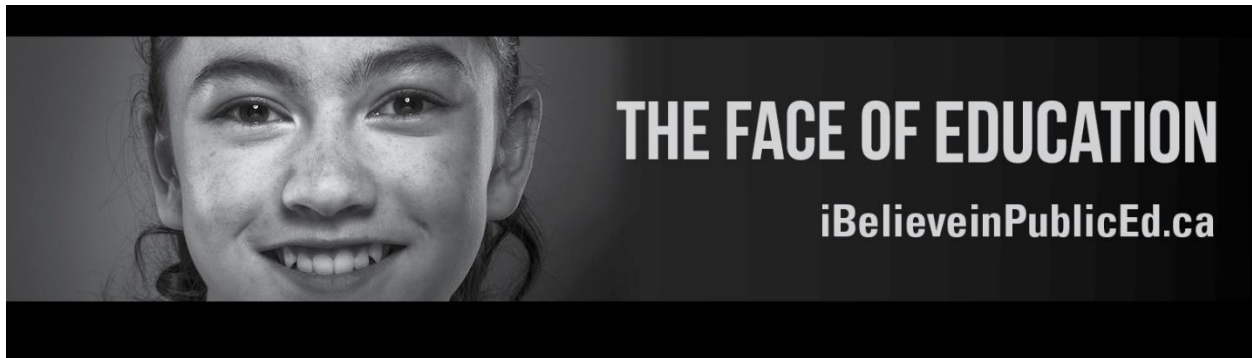
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District Representative Meeting Dates

12 06-07: Provincial Executive Council	01 15: CEATCA mtg
12 11: Greater St. Paul LC	01 16: Northern Lights LC
12 18-19: Resolutions Committee	01 17-18: Provincial Executive Council
12 18: Greater St. Paul BUGM	01 17: Battle River Teacher Welfare Committee mtg
01 07: Battle River Executive	01 19: NETCA mtg
01 08: Greater St. Paul LC	
01 10: Lakeland Catholic LC	



Government

Public Education Pledge: This campaign has been altered to include our belief about what public education is: the education of children in public, catholic, and francophone schools. The purpose of the campaign is to raise the profile of public education as a concern in the minds of Albertans, to generate highly visible support from Albertans for public education and to demonstrate the united interests of teachers and students. **You are encouraged to sign the pledge online** and to encourage members of the public to do so. Take the pledge here → <https://www.ibelieveinpubliced.ca/>

Under the law, our association can spend \$300 000 in election advertising expenses. This is the TOTAL amount of expenses from every local, LPEO and the provincial body collectively.

Provincial Executive Council approved a framework to update how teachers can apply to serve on provincial committees. The product of this will begin practice in the new year.

Professional Development

The Committee on Convention Review is beginning validation of its findings and directions. Provincial Executive Council approved its **preliminary report for release**. Events for validation will begin in the new year.

Much work and many meetings with the ministry has yielded some results on the validation and implementation of the new curriculum. Minister Eggen visited Provincial Executive Council on Friday to discuss the implementation plan of the new K-4 curriculum. The advice of the association on teacher voice, field testing, voluntary participation, and time needed to ensure the curriculum is implemented properly was heard and used by the minister and the ministry.

Many universities in Alberta are offering Leadership Quality Standards (LQS) certification courses.

A subcommittee on women's leadership has been created under the umbrella of DEHR. Three teachers and two members of council will serve on the inaugural subcommittee.

Member Services

Unprofessional conduct: any behavior deemed to be harmful to the standing of teachers.

Popular workshops presented by MS staff are: Dealing with Difficult People, Staying Employed, and What is the ATA?

In an upcoming edition of the ATA News you will find more information on Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) regulations as applicable to teachers especially regarding our code of conduct in relation to the committee work which OH&S legislation has created.

Bargaining

49 of 61 bargaining units have settled with Fort Vermilion being the latest settlement.

Read the **Bargainer's Blog** for **decisions reached** by Provincial Executive Council regarding central table bargaining.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to each of you.

Elaine Willette-Larsen, DR Central East; (squeezing onto one sheet of paper)!