

EMAIL SENT SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 TO:

- Government of Alberta Minister of Education and Childcare Demetrios Nicolaides
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SUBJECT:

Our School Council encourages more supports in addition to wage increases for teachers

EMAIL TEXT

Dear Minister Nicolaides,

Our School Council encourages the Alberta government to fairly compensate teachers **and** provide their requested supports for improved learning conditions and resources to avoid the need for a teacher strike or lockout.

Our school has consistently been over 100% capacity since opening in 2017/18. Our families have experienced firsthand the school finding ways to accommodate all students, from converting non-classroom spaces into classrooms, adding 9 modular classrooms, sharing Educational Assistants between classrooms, among many other creative ways to juggle quality education with the funding provided.

Alberta often boasts being a prosperous province, yet is the province that [spends the least per student across all of Canada](#). In comparison, if Alberta invested the [same amount per student as Manitoba](#), our school alone could increase staffing by over 13 additional teachers. And while perhaps we do not currently have the space for 13 more classrooms, it would be a much better problem to solve for our children than having multiple split-grade classes to balance classroom sizes across large cohorts of ages. Many studies show that [smaller class sizes, especially for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students, is beneficial](#), and not only in academically-tested ways. Teachers' requests for smaller class sizes and addressing classroom complexities have not been adequately offered by your government to date.

Where Alberta does spend the most is [towards private and charter schools](#), where up to 70% of funding is provided by the province. Other provinces spend 50% or less towards these types of schools. Perhaps the province could instead use a good portion of those public funds towards public education instead.

We do not want our children's school year to be disrupted. Please provide an offer to teachers that improves our public education system today, and can attract new teachers in the future (especially as new schools are expected to be built with your School Construction Accelerator Program). In previous years budgets, MLAs received an increase in salary to reflect inflation and the value placed on MLAs for the work they do to support Albertans. It's time for our children, who are our future of this province, to be prioritized and for teachers to be valued and compensated for the work they do.

We look forward to your response, and thank you in advance for focusing on improving public education in Alberta. Responses will be shared publicly with school community members.

Sincerely,

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Sumners, Krimsen <krimsen.sumners@spschools.org>

30 September 2025 at 10:05

To: "Lois E. Hole, Krystal Brass, School Council Chair" <sc-chair.leh@spschools.org>

Krystal,
Very well said.
Thank you for supporting our staff...we all appreciate it!!!
Take care,
Krimsen

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Allen, John <john.allen@spschools.org>

1 October 2025 at 11:48

To: "Lois E. Hole, Krystal Brass, School Council Chair" <sc-chair.leh@spschools.org>

Thanks for this powerful advocacy for properly supporting our province's public schools!

If enough people speak out, the message might finally be heard.

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John Allen

Board Chair

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On Tue, 30 Sept 2025 at 08:47, Lois E. Hole, Krystal Brass, School Council Chair <sc-chair.leh@spschools.org> wrote:

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2 October 2025 at 12:17

To: "Lois E. Hole, Krystal Brass, School Council Chair" <sc-chair.leh@spschools.org>

Hello Council members,

Thank you for writing us on this urgent matter. We deeply appreciate the work you do every day for Alberta students and families. Teaching is an enormous responsibility, and we recognize how much more difficult that work has become under current conditions.

As the Official Opposition's Shadow Minister for Education, Ms. Chapman shares your concerns. Teacher salaries have not kept up with inflation, classroom supports have not kept pace with population growth, and Alberta now has the lowest per-student funding in Canada. In typical UCP fashion, the government continues to claim funding is "adequate" while students and teachers face larger class sizes, fewer supports, and mounting workloads.

Ms. Chapman and the Alberta NDP are firmly on the side of teachers, students, and families. We continue to push back against these short-sighted and unfair policies, fighting for fair compensation for teachers, more educational assistants to support students with complex needs, and proper funding for the learning materials our children deserve.

Your voice makes a difference. It is through the advocacy of educators like you that we can continue to hold this government accountable. Please keep reaching out and sharing your experiences, together we can push for the high-quality public education Alberta's children deserve.

Sincerely,



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