

Executive Director's Report 2018-2019

Our second year as a society was just as full as the first year. We continued to advocate for the following three initiatives:

- mandatory early screening for learning and developmental challenges
- enhanced teacher training specifically for all learning challenges
- class size and composition must be considered in order to properly resource a classroom with the appropriate supports to enable all learners to be successful

We met with the following people along our journey:

- Minister Irfan Sabir, Minister of Community and Social Services
- Terry Harris, Edmonton Catholic School Board Chair
- Trina Hurdman, Calgary Board of Education Board Chair
- Maria Fitzpatrick, NDP MLA
- Scott Phillips, Assistant Chair at the University of Alberta in the Department of Psychiatry
- Corine Gannon, Assistant Superintendent, Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Rhonda Lang, Director, Inclusive Education, Learning Services Innovation, Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Tony Flores, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
- Mike Lake, PC MP, Edmonton-Wetaskiwin

We attended as a Stakeholder for the Curriculum Validation Focus Group for the new K-4 draft curriculum.

We hosted our first information session in October called "Navigating the Education System", which included the following presenters:

- Wendy Keiver - Executive Director, Allison Pike - President and Brandi Rai - Vice President, Alberta School Councils' Association
- Bridget Stirling, Edmonton Public School Board Vice Chair
- Candace Fehr, CASA Family Advisory Council Co-Chair
- Marie Renaud, NDP MLA
- David Woloshyn, Executive Director, Education Support Sector, Alberta Education

We had a table at Minister Gray's Millwoods Resource Fair.

We had three videos produced by Hijab Choudhary outlining our three initiatives for distribution during the Provincial Election.

We were one of the weekly winners of the 96.3 the Breeze helping Grand contest.

We presented at one of the breakout sessions for the Alberta School Councils' Association Annual Conference and AGM in April 2019, as well as had a table in the Resource Fair.

We will continue to advocate on behalf of all students with learning challenges so that every child can reach their full academic and personal potential. We greatly appreciate all the support we have been given by everyone that follows our page, as well as all the stakeholders that continue to collaborate with our society so that we can effect lasting change within our education system.

Sincerely,  
Greta Gerstner  
Executive Director