

Topics of Discussion

- **Alberta Education Overview**
- **Board Structure and Governance**
- **Key Legislation and Information Packages**
- **School Board Elections**

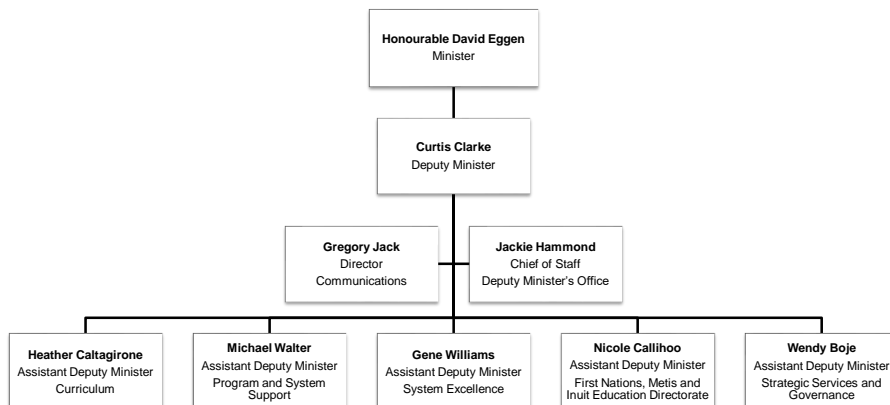
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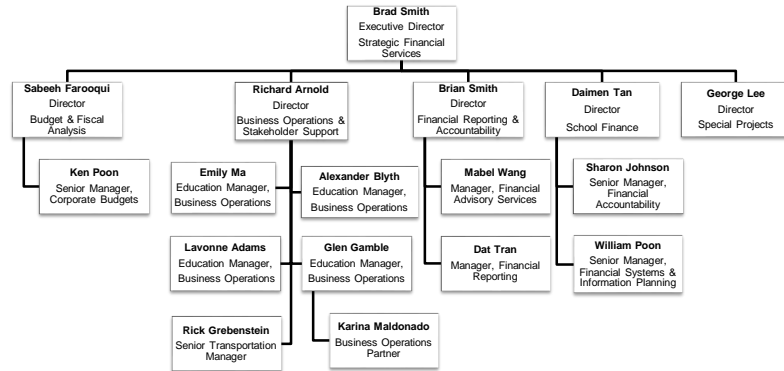
Alberta Education Overview

- **Organizational Charts**
- **Key Branch Contacts**
- **Areas of Support**

Organizational Chart Education Ministry Overview



Organizational Chart Strategic Financial Services Overview



BOSS Branch Contacts

- **Main Number: 780-427-2055**
- **Director: Richard Arnold**
- **BOSS Contacts:**
 - Karina Maldonado (Zone 1)
 - Emily Ma (Zone 2)
 - Lavonne Adams (Zone 3)
 - Alexander Blyth (Zone 4)
 - Glen Gamble (Metro and Francophone)
- **Transportation**
 - Rick Grebenstein

Typical Communication Protocols

Minister ↔ Board Chairs

Deputy Minister ↔ Superintendents

Assistant Deputy Minister ↔ Secretary Treasurers

Jurisdictions, Boundaries, Establishments, and Legislation

Overview

- **School Jurisdictions**
- **School Jurisdiction Boundaries**
- **Separate School District Establishments**
- **Legislation**

School Jurisdictions

- **School Authorities**
 - **Public**
 - **Separate**
 - **Francophone**
 - **Charter**
- **Private Schools**
- **Private Early Childhood Service Operators**

Public

- **School Districts**
(Organized from historical 4x4 districts)
- **School Divisions**
(Amalgamation of many districts)
- **Regional Divisions**
(Regionalization order or agreement between former districts, divisions, and county school boards)

Separate (minority faith-based)

- **Minority faith education rights exercised**
- **Separate School Districts (Catholic)**
- **Catholic Regional Divisions**
- **Catholic Francophone Education Region**

Francophone (minority faith-based)

- **Minority language education rights exercised**
- **Francophone Regional Authorities (Public and Separate)**
 - Northwest Francophone Education Region No. 1
 - Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2
 - East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3
 - The Southern Francophone Education Region No. 4

Charter School Authorities

Charter schools are autonomous non-profit public schools:

- Provides education in a different or enhanced way to improve student learning, attitudes and knowledge;
- Meets the needs of a particular group of students through a specific program or teaching/learning approach; and
- Follows Alberta Education's Programs of Study
- **Governed by:**
 - School Act
 - Charter School Regulation

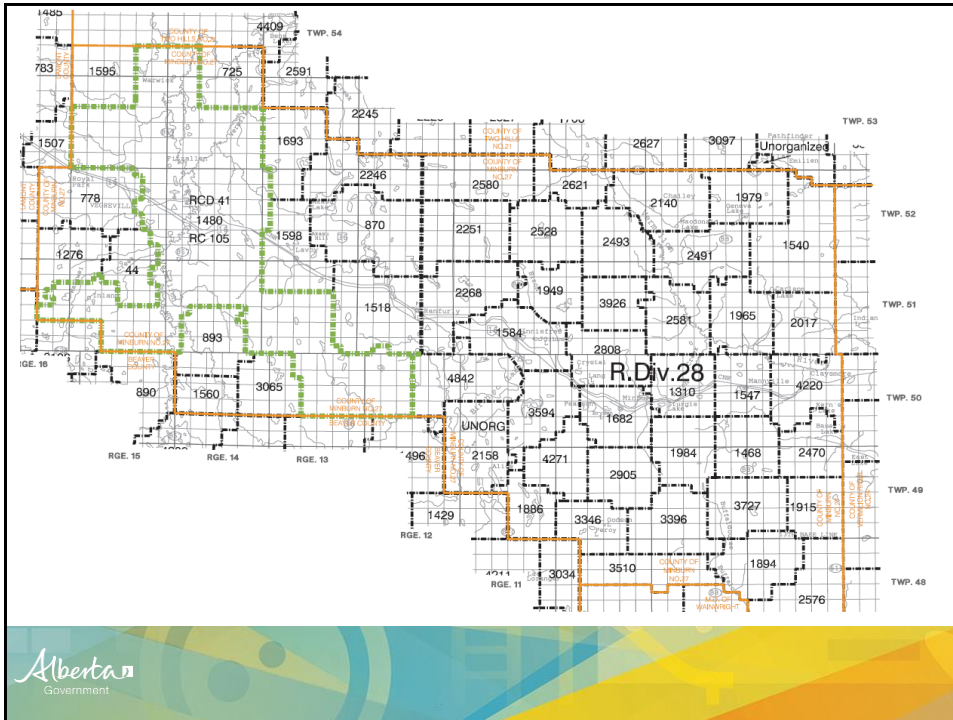
School Jurisdiction Boundaries

- **School District: Public and Separate**
 - Boundaries same as historical 4 x 4 public districts
 - Minister may add or take away lands
- **School Division**
 - Additional: Minister may rearrange or transfer lands out

School Jurisdiction Boundaries

- **Regional Division: Public and Separate**
 - Boundaries same as former regionalized boards
 - Each regionalized board is a ward
 - Ward electors may withdraw their ward lands
- **Francophone: Public and Separate**
 - Boundaries same as public school jurisdictions
 - Minister may add or take away lands

<https://education.alberta.ca/boundary-maps/school-jurisdiction-maps/everyone/view-and-print-maps/?cat=Public>



Separate School District Establishments

- **Information and Process**
 - Notice of Intent
 - Determination of Area
 - Census
 - Community Information Meeting
 - Vote
 - Ministerial Order

<https://education.alberta.ca/education-rights/establishing-a-separate-school-district/everyone/process-to-establish-separate-school-district/>

Legislation and Regulations

- **Governing Acts**
 - School Act
 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)
 - Local Authorities Election Act
 - Municipal Government Act

Regulations (Under the *School Act*)

- **Capital and Financial**
 - Capital Borrowing
 - Disposition of Property
 - School Buildings and Tendering
 - School Board Investment
 - Special School Tax Levy Plebiscite

Regulations (Under the *School Act*)

- **Other**
 - Home Education
 - Student Record
 - School Transportation
 - School Fees and Costs
 - Establishment of Separate School Districts Regulation (New)

<https://education.alberta.ca/legislation-and-regulations/school-act/>

Legislation and Regulations

Resources

- **All current Acts and Regulations can be found on Alberta Queens Printer Website.**
- www.qp.alberta.ca



School Board Elections

- School Board elections are governed by the *School Act* and by the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which sets out the election processes and procedures for municipal and school board elections.



School Board Elections

- **When should a board start preparing for a general election?**
- **Overview of key legislation**
- **Organizational Meeting**
- **Oath of Office**
- **Pecuniary Interest**

When Should a Board Start?

- **Review ward structure and number of trustees**
- **Consider: representation by population, public consultation, census data**
- **Set a time to pass a board resolution/bylaw**
- **Ministerial approval is required for any changes under the *School Act***

Key Legislation

- **Local Authorities Election Act**
 - Qualification of candidates (Section 21)
 - Ineligibility (Sections 22 and 23)
 - Nomination day related issues (Sections 26-34)
 - Notice of election (Section 35)
 - Eligibility to vote (Section 47)
 - Rules of residence (Section 48)
 - Voting procedures (Sections 36-84)
 - Post vote procedures (Section 85-102)
 - Election results (Sections 95-99)
 - Recount procedures (Sections 103-115)

Key Legislation

- **School Act:**
 - Residency (Section 44)
 - Organizational meeting (Section 64)
 - Chair (Section 65)
 - Oath of Office (Section 76)
 - Pecuniary interest and disqualification (Section 80-86)

Organizational Meeting and Chair

- Must be held annually.
- Must be held within 4 weeks of election during an election year.
- Must elect a chair and vice chair.

Oath of Office

- Every trustee shall take and subscribe the official oath of office prescribed by the *Oaths of Office Act* before commencing trustee duties.
- Oaths are deposited with the secretary of the board.

Pecuniary Interest

- There are a number of situations (described in Section 80 of the *School Act*) where a trustee must disclose his/her interests as well as the interests of his/her spouse or adult independent partner and children.
- The board secretary shall provide a copy to every trustee and the officials and employees of the board that the board directs.
- Some circumstances related to pecuniary interest can disqualify a trustee from office.
- All pecuniary interest must be disclosed prior to discussion of the related matter.

School Board Election Resources

School Board Elections Information Package and Prescribed Forms:

<https://education.alberta.ca/school-board-elections/school-board-elections-guide/everyone/legislation/>

BOSS Contact: [780-427-2055](tel:780-427-2055) (310-0000 toll free)

Questions?

