

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 9, 2004

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Awareness of Public Education Issues

ORIGINATORS: A. Habinski, Executive Assistant, School and District Services

RESOURCE: Lisa Austin, Gloria Chalmers, Michael Edigar, Brian Fedor, David Fraser, Bob Holt, Ron MacNeil, Dorothy Sombach

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the proposed online survey to be administered to candidates running in the provincial election in the capital region be approved.
2. That the posting of survey results on the district website be approved.
3. That the distribution of hard copies of the responses to interested stakeholders be approved.

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On October 26, 2004 the board passed a motion requesting the administration to draft a questionnaire that could be submitted to each capital city candidate running for election on November 22, 2004 as a means of strengthening support for public education. Attached is the proposed questionnaire that addresses the following issues:

- Full day kindergarten in areas of high needs
- Access and coordination of health services to children
- Enhanced support for students with communication disorders
- Support for funding transportation to alternative programs
- Support for modernization of school facilities and new construction
- Collective bargaining

Subject to the approval of the recommendations, the questionnaire would be forwarded to the candidates electronically and responses would be posted on the district website. The purpose of this questionnaire is not to imply support for a particular candidate or party but to bring public attention to education issues.

APPENDIX I: Questionnaire for Provincial Government Candidates

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