## Keltie Marshall responses Candidate for Edmonton Public School Trustee Ward B

#### Curriculum

I agree with calls to scrap the draft curriculum. During the course of this campaign, I have not heard from one parent or citizen who supports the idea of us implementing it as written. Simply put, the document does not reflect the best we can do for our children. I would like to see anti-racism and truth and reconciliation principles reflected throughout. With the help of current educators and experts, we can produce a world-class curriculum with learning outcomes that are age-appropriate and achievable for all learners.

### **Funding**

The weighted moving average model is not sustainable for a division that is in a period of growth in enrolment. In this model, a division such as Edmonton Public has to consistently do more with less. We are already seeing the impact of this reflected in large class sizes and cuts to classroom supports and funding for students who need early intervention. I will work with our board to strongly advocate for a more equitable funding formula that restores and increases supports. I will advocate for all stakeholders to have their voices heard through public information sessions and open consultations.

# Privatization Including P3's

I am absolutely opposed to privatization of school services and infrastructure. P3's are proven to be problematic, especially in terms of maintenance over the long term. I would support a full review of all privatized services and oppose any new private partnerships being signed.

### Schools as Employers

I am the wife and daughter of union members (IBEW and AUPE). I fully support every worker's right to representation. I will always support employees and the community with this perspective.

I will absolutely oppose any government attempts to legislate against school staff or make cuts to their pension plan. I do not support restrictions on workers' right to strike. All bargaining must be done in good faith.

### Covid safety

I am a mom of children who attend school in all levels of education. As a parent and as a trustee candidate, I fully support all covid safety measures in schools. Both mask mandates and vaccine

mandates for staff are needed in the short term. I think most of us can agree that keeping our children and all education staff safe is a top priority. In the absence of adequate provincial public health policy, I will support any efforts at the board level to limit the spread of covid in schools.