

Thank you for participating in this survey from AUPE's Committee On Political Action. The Committee is asking for **all surveys to be completed by Thursday, September 30**. Please send your responses or any questions of your own to AUPE via **email at t.zimmerman@aupe.org**

The committee intends to publish the responses (or lack thereof) during the week of October 4.

### Curriculum:

Curriculum experts, educators, parents, and many of the current school boards have pointed out the flaws in the draft k-6 curriculum.

1. Do you agree with calls to scrap the draft curriculum and start over to develop a curriculum that is accurate in capturing Alberta's colonial history, diverse present, and modernized to reflect the world we live in?

### Funding:

Alberta continues to be a growing province, with more students entering the system. While we're told funding is tight for public education, Alberta continues to subsidize private education with millions in public dollars.

2. Do you believe the current education funding formula is sufficient for your district? If not, how will you work to convince the province to provide sustainable and adequate funding?

### Privatization including P3s:

AUPE members know very well that privatization regularly fails to find "efficiencies" and any cost savings are often off the backs of workers who become de-unionized, with lower pay and benefits.

They also work on the front lines of service delivery and see the problems caused by high-turnover low wage private providers, and the bureaucratic burden caused by having to deal with a third party instead of an in-house provider.

3. Will you oppose privatization of school services and infrastructure, including Public-Private-Partnerships aka P3s? Will you support bringing previously privatized services in-house?

### Schools as Employers:

As our economies recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, good jobs are an important factor. Public sector workers spend in their communities, and many households impacted by private sector recessions have been able to keep the bills paid thanks to a stable public sector job.

4. Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the school board employs staff with living wages, full-time hours where desired, job security, and collective bargaining rights?

5. Will you oppose attempts from the provincial government to legislate against school staff including cuts to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or restrictions on their right to strike?

### COVID Safety:

With the negligent provincial response to now three preventable waves of COVID-19, school boards have been put in an awkward position of needing to take measure to protect their students and staff throughout the pandemic. Many are introducing measures of their own, but not all have.

6. Do you support measures such as mask mandates, and vaccine mandates for staff to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your schools?

1. I agree that the draft curriculum is not what we need. We need to start over with a re-write of the curriculum which will better reflect the current student needs.

2. As I am not on the Board as of yet, I do not have the complete financial picture. It seems, though, that with many private schools coming under the umbrella of public boards the public boards get the funding that is core to student education and the private school parents are paying the extra costs. There are many specialty schools (hockey, baseball, fine arts, etc. that receive full funding which must be noted.

3. I would certainly work against privatizing school services. I believe these services can best be done in-house, as we know precisely what the needs are.

4. Absolutely! We have collective bargaining agreements and they should be upheld. The pandemic has created many changes in duties of teachers and their sacrifice needs to be recognized. We are in a partnership with our employees and our students, and we need to support them as best we can.

5. Yes.

6. Yes, I do.