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Dear Honourable Mr. Hancock:

Re: The *School Act* Review

The St. Albert Protestant School Board of Trustees respectfully asks that you exercise caution in considering changes to the *School Act*. We believe that in general it is satisfactory and working well.

Although we could support some minor changes being made, the timeline is too tight to implement major changes. We respect the importance of the *School Act* and understand it has played an integral role in establishing governance and administrative practices. We believe it is important to ensure that a number of elements are not stripped from the *School Act*, where they have been approved by the Legislature of the Province of Alberta, and forced into regulations.

We appreciate that the *School Act* has not been opened for 14 years and a thoughtful long-term review may be necessary. However, we are very concerned about the short time frame for revision. We believe that the numerous educational initiatives currently under way, such as Inspiring Education and Setting the Direction, in combination with the current economic crisis further complicate the short timeline of the *School Act* review. In closing, we encourage you to restrict change to minimal adjustments or delay the process.

Sincerely,

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cc The Honourable Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education  
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