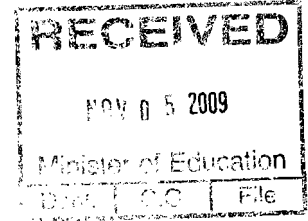


November 3, 2009



Hon. Dave Hancock
Minister of Education
224 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
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Dear Minister Hancock:

Re: **Alberta School Act Review Submission**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division #38, I would like to acknowledge our appreciation for the opportunity to submit recommendations to the Alberta School Act review. Representatives of our Board attended every consultation granted us to provide input into the School Act review (Inspiring Education, ASBA, ACSTA, CASS/ASBOA). Our Board also took the time to discuss the recommendations for submission of each association for their merit and congruence with our Board positions, mandate and priorities.

We endorse without exception ASBA's four overarching proposed changes as well as each of the subsections.

We also endorse ACSTA's key messages for your five focus areas and the proposals for retention, removal and amendment or addition.

As well we endorse the ten themes of CASS/ASBOA's membership.

We are proud of our Catholic school division and the quality Catholic education provided to all students entrusted to our care. We look forward with confidence to future sharing and dialogue with our member associations. Thank you again for the opportunity to voice our input as we do not want to see Catholic education disappear or be diluted.

Sincerely,

Maria Lentz
Board Chair

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