



Your voice matters.

You are invited to play an important role in your child's education by Alberta Education.

By completing this survey, you are giving your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information to improve the quality of education your child is receiving.

When you fill out the attached Accountability Pillar survey, you're adding your voice to the future of education in your school and throughout Alberta. Results are used by schools, school authorities and government to see what's working and what needs to be improved.

Thank you for your participation.

Dave Hancock, Q.C.
Minister of Education

Your voice, sincere and confidential, is a priceless resource.

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Please return your
completed survey
in the enclosed,
pre-paid envelope by
February 20, 2009.

A true picture of our success.

Measuring the quality of your child's education

We want to know that our children are receiving a quality education in a great school. Grades are important but there's more to it.

A great school is caring and secure, allows parents to play a key role and helps every child to make the most of their talents and abilities. "It's all about each student's success."

While it's easy to agree on such goals, how do we measure our progress towards them?

The Accountability Pillar is an innovative and straightforward way of measuring our learning goals as schools, school authorities and as a provincial government.

School authorities receive a results report that is colour-coded and easy to read. At a glance, it points out successes and areas of concern from both a local and provincial perspective.

The results report shows which important measures have improved and which have declined. It allows everyone — parents, teachers, school authorities, students and the province — to respond to challenges together.

The Accountability Pillar looks at:

- **Survey results** — every year between January and March we survey students, their parents and teachers to see how they perceive the quality of education they receive and take part in
- **Student learning indicators** such as dropout rates, high school completion rates, and the number of students eligible to receive Rutherford Scholarships
- **Student results** from Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams

Details about the Accountability Pillar and how to obtain results are available online at <http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability>