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- Superintendents
- International Education Advisory Council Members.

This handbook may also be of interest to:

- Principals
- Trustees
- Deputy Superintendents
- Vice Principals
- School Counsellors
- Consultants.

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Message from the Honourable Dave Hancock Minister of Education

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I am pleased to share with you this valuable resource, the Handbook for International Education Administrators. This handbook is being offered to all school authorities as a reference guide for developing and implementing international education strategies, programs and activities.

Our province promotes international cooperation in education through agreements with foreign governments that build and enable programs of benefit to Alberta's students. These include student and teacher exchanges, school partnerships, visiting teacher programs, foreign language advisors and international student programs.

Leadership is essential to the successful development and implementation of international programs and initiatives within our education system.

High-quality learning means ensuring all students can reach their potential and fulfillment as citizens in a rapidly, changing world. School-based international education initiatives expose students to social and cultural differences, new educational methods and systems and unique global perspectives.

By adding an international element to education, we better prepare our students for future success in our global community and for the future prosperity of our province.

[Original Signed]

Dave Hancock, Q.C. Minister

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