

Online ATA account needed to vote

Open or update your online ATA account and be sure you are ready when voting opens for the 2019 PEC Election on March 14 at 8 a.m.



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PEC brings your voice to ATA table

Provincial Executive Council (PEC) is the executive committee responsible for governing the Alberta Teachers' Association and directing its business. Its membership consists of five table officers (ATA president, two vice-presidents, past president and executive secretary) and 15 district representatives (DRs).

Of PEC's 20 members, 18 are elected by you.

All PEC members are certificated teachers. They serve two-year terms and meet at least eight times (two days at a time) each school year at Barnett House in Edmonton. With the exception of the ATA president, whose position is full-time, PEC members remain classroom teachers and administrators on a part-time basis after they are elected. They are in your schools, doing the work you do and experiencing your teaching conditions.

The ATA president and vice-presidents represent the Association and its membership in face-to-face meetings with other groups and bodies involved in public education. DRs represent the Association's 11 geographic districts and the members within them. Nine geographic districts are represented by one DR. Two districts (Calgary City and Edmonton McMurray) are each represented by three DRs.

All members of PEC work with the goal of making sure initiatives and activities undertaken by the Association address those issues that are put forward by Alberta teachers and voted into policy by their colleagues at the Association's Annual Representative Assembly.

With much help from ATA local presidents, local executives, ATA school representatives and members of ATA committees and specialist councils, PEC members bring the voices of more than 45,000 Alberta teachers to the Association. This is their most important duty because the Association is the legal collective voice of teachers in Alberta's public, separate and francophone jurisdictions, and to be effective, it must maintain an understanding of its members' issues and perspectives.

Voting in the 2019 PEC Election is open March 14 to 18. Take the time to vote and have a say in who will help give you a voice in your Association and your profession.



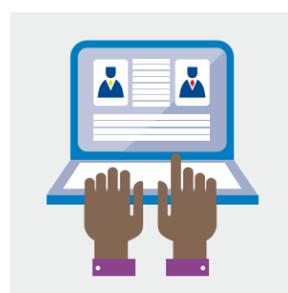
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THANK YOU ALL

The Association appreciates all of the ATA members and staff at the local and provincial levels who are supporting and promoting the 2019 PEC Election. Your voice and vote do count.



Ready to rock the vote?

What you need to know about voting in the 2019 PEC Election.

See pages 2 and 3.



Two elections for Calgary City

By-election on ballot with 2019 PEC Election.

See story on page 4.



Remembering Heide Doppmeier

Calgary and Alberta teachers lose a strong voice and compassionate colleague.

See page 4.

YOUR CANDIDATES

ATA PRESIDENT — ONE TO BE ELECTED



Rob Duiker

Greg Jeffery

Jason Schilling

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

CALGARY CITY — THREE TO BE ELECTED



Joanne Boissonneault

Andrew Finlay

Valerie Fuchshuber

Kathy Hoehn



Kevin Kempt

Darren Moroz

Ron Robichaud

See page 4 to learn who is in the 2019 Calgary City By-Election.

CENTRAL — ONE TO BE ELECTED



Brenton Baum

Alan Blacker

CENTRAL EAST — ONE TO BE ELECTED



Alysha Grosky

Murray Lalonde

EDMONTON MCMURRAY — THREE TO BE ELECTED



Nancy Ball

Greg Carabine

Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk

Carmen Glossop

ATA CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Alberta Teachers' Association invites applications for the following positions:

- Executive Staff Officer, Member Services
- Executive Staff Officer, Teacher Welfare

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019. More information at www.teachers.ab.ca > About > Careers at ATA.

RU READY?

Voting for the 2019 PEC Election opens March 14 at 8 a.m. and we want you to be ready. Here are just a few tips on how to prepare to rock the vote!

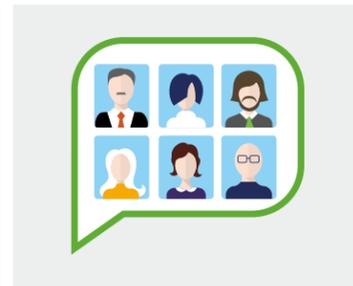


RU ELIGIBLE?

Active and associate ATA members are eligible to vote in the 2019 PEC Election.

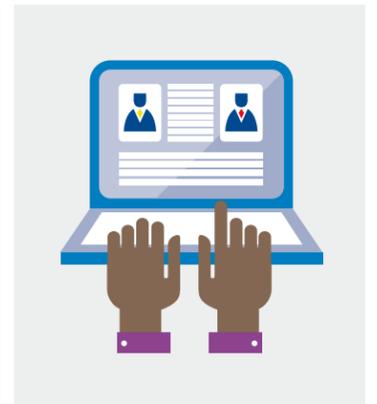
You are an *active member* if you are a certificated teacher employed by a public, separate or francophone school jurisdiction in Alberta who is in the classroom, on a secondment or on a leave of absence.

Associate members are those who are neither *active* nor *life* members of the ATA.



GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

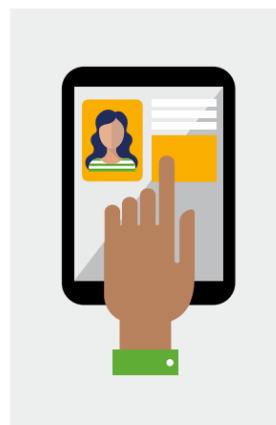
Candidates in the 2019 PEC Election have been campaigning since mid-January. If you didn't catch them at your teachers' convention or local election forum, check the bulletin board in your staff room for their campaign materials. Also, visit the ATA website, where their election platforms are posted in print and video.



ABOUT VOTING

See the voting instructions mailed to you Feb. 25, or check out our new video demonstration to learn how quick and easy it is to vote.

And, here's how to tell in which geographic district you vote: if you are employed by an Alberta school jurisdiction, the district in which you vote is determined by the ATA local to which your employer is linked. If you aren't employed by a school jurisdiction, where you vote is determined by the school jurisdiction in your city or town of residence.



GET YOUR ONLINE ATA ACCOUNT

You need an online ATA account to vote. If you don't have one, view the video demonstration on the ATA website. You might also try asking a colleague for help since about 70 per cent of ATA members already have an online ATA account.

If you already have an account, be sure to update it before the election because the eligibility information you declare determines what geographic district your ballot will represent.

[Online voting demonstration video available at www.teachers.ab.ca!](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)



GET YOUR 'GROUP' ON

If you are an ATA school representative, you may want to use the ATA portion of your school staff meeting to gather your colleagues and do election activities as a group. Maybe use your school's computer lab to host an online ATA account sign-up event, view candidate speech and voting demonstration videos, or have a voting party. Even if you aren't a school representative, you can still gather colleagues and do these activities together.



DON'T CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM — SHARE IT!

Here's our new "I voted" button. Use it on social media after you vote to share that great I-just-participated-in-democracy feeling. It's available on our website.



FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK THE VOTE

If you haven't voted before in a PEC election and have questions, we have answers.

Cast your Vote - Select Candidate(s)

You are currently voting in the 2019 PEC Election - Term: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021

ATA President (Select 1 choice)

- A, Candidate
- J, Candidate
- Q, Candidate
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- I abstain from voting for the above position in this election

ATA District Representative for your geographic district (Select up to X candidates)

- B, Candidate
- C, Candidate
- F, Candidate
- G, Candidate
- H, Candidate
- K, Candidate
- L, Candidate
-
- I abstain from voting for the above position in this election

See Your Candidates on page 2 for how many candidates you will be able to select

Calgary City By-Election Term to Jun 30 2019 (Select 1 choice)

- C, Candidate
- F, Candidate
- G, Candidate
- H, Candidate
- K, Candidate
- L, Candidate
-
- I abstain from voting for the above position in this election

We want to ensure your voting process is as safe and secure as possible. For this reason, please enter the characters seen below.



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Please review your selection(s). If you are certain of the selection(s) then please complete the security characters and click the 'Submit Vote' button **once** to submit your vote.

NOTE: Clicking 'Submit Vote' will cast your vote and mark your ballot used. This action cannot be undone.

SUBMIT VOTE

WHO VOTES FOR ATA PRESIDENT?

The position of ATA president represents all ATA members. As such, the ballot for ATA president will appear on the ballot of active and associate members from all 11 ATA geographic districts.

WHO VOTES FOR ATA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES?

You will have a ballot for the position of district representative in addition to the one for ATA president if you are an active or associate member in any one of these four geographic districts:

CALGARY CITY	
Your employer	Your ATA local
Calgary Board of Education	Calgary Public Teachers Local No. 38
Calgary Catholic School District	Calgary Separate School Local No. 55

CENTRAL	
Your employer	Your ATA local
Black Gold Regional Schools	Black Gold Teachers' Local No. 8
CS du Nord-Ouest No. 1	Unité locale francophone Local No. 24
CS Centre Nord	Unité locale francophone Local No. 24
CS Centre-Est	Unité locale francophone Local No. 24
CS Franco Sud	Unité locale francophone Local No. 24
St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools	St. Thomas Aquinas Teachers' Local No. 45
Wetaskiwin Regional Division	Wetaskiwin Local No. 18
Wild Rose School Division	Timberline Local No. 9

CENTRAL EAST	
Your employer	Your ATA local
Aspen View Public Schools	Aspen View Local No. 7
Battle River School Division	Battle River Local No. 32
Buffalo Trail Public Schools	Park Plains East Local No. 31
East Central Catholic Schools	Park Plains East Local No. 31
Lakeland Catholic Schools	Lakeland Catholic Separate Local No. 30
Northern Lights School Division	Northern Lights Local No. 15
St. Paul Education Regional Division	Greater St Paul Local No. 25

EDMONTON MCMURRAY	
Your employer	Your ATA local
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local No. 54
Edmonton Public Schools	Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37
Fort McMurray Catholic Schools	Fort McMurray Local No. 48
Fort McMurray Public Schools	Fort McMurray Local No. 48

HOW COME I'M NOT VOTING FOR AN ATA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE?

If your geographic district doesn't appear in the tables above, your district representative was elected by acclamation; i.e., only one candidate was nominated for this election.

CALGARY CITY BY-ELECTION

Only active and associate members belonging to the geographic district of Calgary City will have this section appear on their ballot. See the back page for more details.

YOUR VOTE, YOUR BUSINESS

The voting site and servers for provincial ATA elections are secured and managed by a third-party firm that provides results of elections in aggregate form to the Association.

The results

2019 PEC Election results will be posted on the ATA website and announced on social media before noon on March 19.



In memory of Heide



Heide Doppmeier was a district representative for Calgary City on Provincial Executive Council since July 1, 2016. She had decided to not run in the 2019 PEC Election due to issues with her health. Sadly, she passed away Feb. 23, 2019.

Prior to her time on Council, Heide served as vice-president of Calgary Public Teachers Local No. 38 and on various committees at the local and provincial levels. She had been a member of the Association's English as a Second Language Council since 2008.

Heide will deeply be missed as a colleague and a friend by many in the profession. Here are words from just a few:

“ Heide was an inspirational woman and vibrant colleague. She was very passionate and dedicated in her beliefs and a strong advocate for public education. Heide never took a day off and worked tirelessly on behalf of teachers, students and for the ATA at the provincial and local levels.

— Bob Cocking, president of Calgary Public Teachers Local No. 38

“ Heide was of great help to me when I came on as the new president of Local 55. She did some amazing work with our DEHR committee. Heide listened to individuals' views and helped lead others forward in our teaching profession.

— Richard Campbell, president of Calgary Separate School Local No. 55

“ Heide Doppmeier was a fighter. She met everything head-on and with a fierce passion. She fought for what she believed in and who she believed in — public education, her students and teachers. She spoke with conviction and never hesitated to express an opinion. She was an intensely loyal friend, and I will miss her.

— Kathy Hoehn, Calgary City district representative

“ I met Heide over 10 years ago. Her strengths came to light at the local level when she joined Calgary Public's Political Action Committee and, one year later, became the chair. Her passion for public education shone through in every event she planned and every contribution she made at local executive and CSR meetings. Her path of service to teachers took her to the vice presidency of Local 38 and, ultimately, to being a Calgary City DR. Her voice will be sorely missed.

— Jenny Regal, ATA vice-president and former president of Calgary Public Teachers Local No. 38

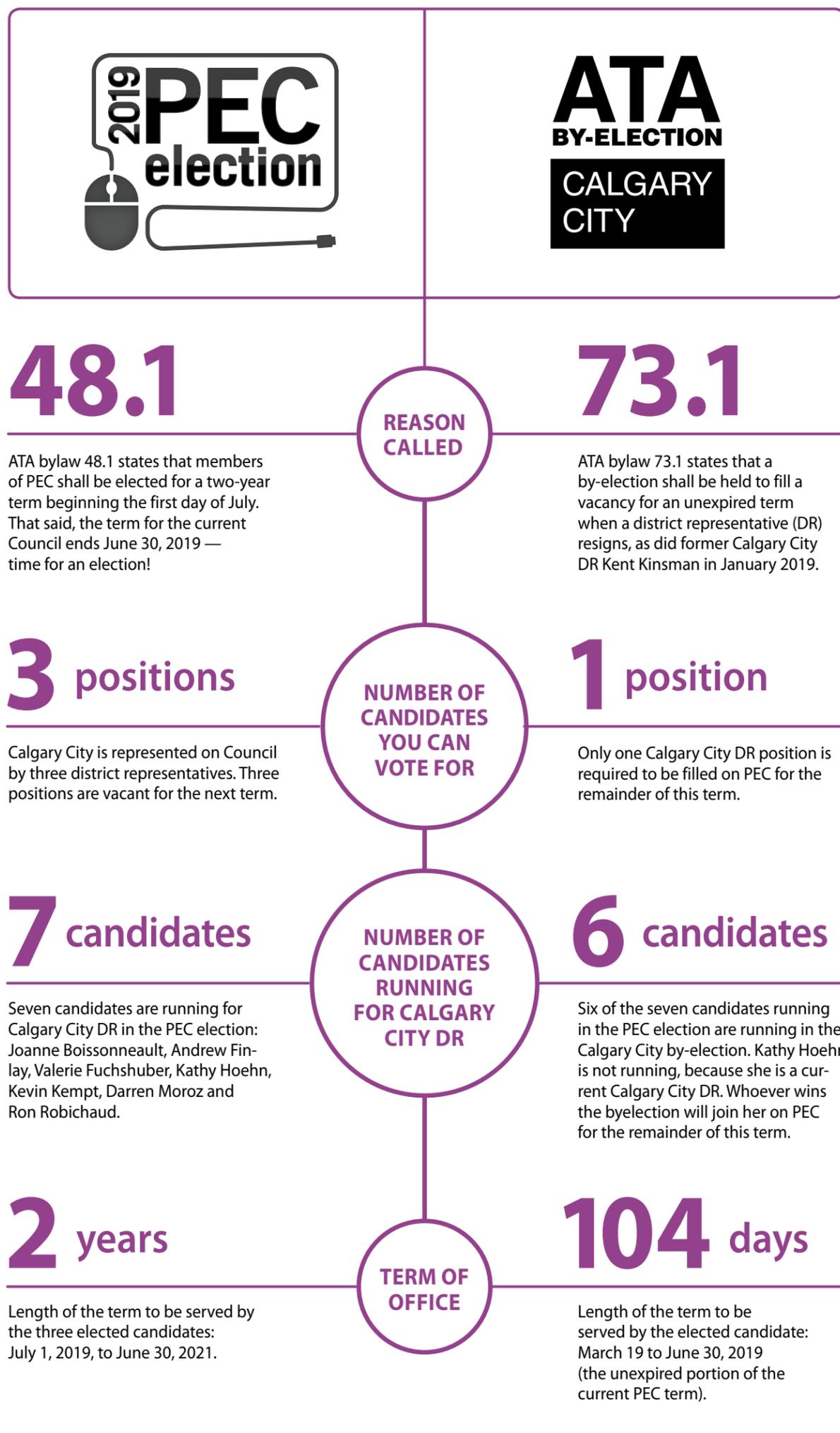
“ For as long as I knew her, regardless of what role she was in, Heide was a tireless and tenacious advocate for teachers and for the special education and English language learners she taught for so many years. While she was a very private person, she always stood up for what she believed. I will miss these traits and will miss her.

— Greg Jeffery, ATA president

Two elections for Calgary City

Teachers in the geographic district of Calgary City will be voting in the 2019 PEC Election and the 2019 Calgary City By-Election. Though both will be on the same ballot (as shown on page 3), each election has distinct features and purposes.

Here is a by-the-numbers look at the differences between the two elections.



2019 PEC ELECTION SUPPORT

Hours

March 14–15 0800–1700
 March 16–17 0900–1300
 March 18 0800–1700

Contact

780-447-9444 (Edmonton and area)
 1-855-838-9444
 elections@ata.ab.ca

Elections Returning Officer

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 780-447-9445

Elections Administrative Officer

laura.harris@ata.ab.ca
 780-447-9476
 1-800-232-7208

VOTE ONLINE AT WWW.TEACHERS.AB.CA.

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