

An Important Message from Alberta's Teachers

Alberta's teachers do not have confidence in the content and design of the Draft K–6 Curriculum.

The curriculum consultation and development processes used after the suspension of a partnership agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association have been deeply flawed and have lacked transparency.

The ATA supports key elements of *The Guiding Framework for the Design and Development of Kindergarten to Grade 12 Provincial Curriculum* published by Alberta Education in December 2020, but this curriculum fails to meet the criteria set out in the government's own framework. We expect that any programs of study proposed for adoption will meet the criteria previously determined by government.

We support the decision of school boards to not pilot this draft curriculum and, furthermore, we call on all school authorities to refrain from participating in or directing their teachers to participate in the curriculum pilot.

Teachers who believe this curriculum is unsound and potentially damaging to student learning have the professional responsibility and moral right to refuse to participate in voluntary piloting. The government and school boards must respect the decision of individual teachers to not participate in piloting.

Given the extensive concerns identified by many, the ATA is calling on the Government of Alberta to immediately stop work on the piloting and implementation of the Draft K–6 Curriculum until an independent, full and open review and rewrite can occur.

The independent review must meaningfully involve a broad cross-section of certificated Alberta teachers and faculty members from Alberta faculties of education and must be properly inclusive of francophone, First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives. Before piloting is to resume, rewritten curriculum must be developmentally, structurally and pedagogically sound, and should enjoy the broad support of Albertans.

Alberta's students and teachers require an appropriate, inclusive and workable curriculum. We are committed to supporting the development of such, and the ATA is prepared to work constructively in partnership with the Government of Alberta toward that end.

We just need to be invited.

Pledge your support for a rewrite at curriculum.thelearningteam.ca



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