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Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations Adopted

At its June meeting, Provincial Executive Council adopted an official Association position regarding the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on the School Administrator. In its report to Council, the Panel had made 30 recommendations in a document entitled *Leading for Learning*. Of these 30 recommendations, 24 were accepted (including one accepted in principle.)

Four recommendations were accepted as action taken. These had already been acted upon by the formation of the new standing committee, the School Administrators' Issues and Concerns Committee. One

recommendation was referred to staff for further study and report on implementation. The recommendation regarding practice review was deferred to a later date.

Council's acceptance of these recommendations marks an important constructive response to challenges arising from the Alberta Commission on Learning (Recommendations 76, 77 and 78) concerning principals' continuing membership in the teaching profession and in the Association.

For further information contact Susan Fraser at 1-800-232-7208.

School Administrators' Issues and Concerns Committee Starts Its Work

The newly formed School Administrators' Issues and Concerns Committee (SAICC) had its inaugural meeting on 2005 06 13. The committee first reviewed its mandate, which is to study, report and make recommendations to Provincial Executive Council regarding the emergent concerns of school administrators across Alberta. In particular the SAICC will advise Council regarding optimum ways in which the Association can serve the needs of school administrators as part of a unified teaching profession.

The committee received the Survey of School Administrator Professional Development in Alberta (May 2005) conducted by Dr Jose L da Costa and

Dr Zachariah O Wanzare of the University of Alberta.

Association staff reported to the committee on a meeting of the Principal Quality Stakeholder Advisory Committee, a committee of Alberta Education, which met 2005 06 07. This committee has selected Dr Garry McKinnon to facilitate the development of a provincial Principal Quality Standard.

The committee also engaged in an extended brainstorming exercise regarding initiatives that the SAICC might undertake as part of its mandate. Results of this session will be reviewed and refined at its next meeting, which will be held on 2005 09 26.



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Council on School Administration Meets in August

In light of Recommendation 24 of the Blue Ribbon Panel, the CSA executive will meet in August to facilitate work for administrator professional development. Recommendation 24 states “That the Association propose that the Council on School Administration establish a professional development advisory committee to assist with the completion of a needs assessment and articulation of professional

development program priorities.”

Jacquie Skytt and ATA Professional Development staff will lead the executive in an all-day session. They will explore both the mechanics of establishing the committee and its terms of reference. Attention will also focus on the goals of the CSA in general.

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Upcoming Events

Western Canadian Educational Administrators' Conference 2005

- September 26–29, 2005
- Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton
- visit www.wceac.org for further information.

New Program for School Administrators Under Development

A new program is being developed to help school administrators to extend the collegial nature of their work in school settings. The program's objectives will also support school administrators in promoting the

Association and its work. The program will be developed in consultation with the SAICC. Overall, the program will serve to balance the Association's support of both teachers and school administrators.

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