



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

2022 Substitute Teachers' Conference

Welcome to the 19th annual Substitute Teachers' Conference.

The last few school years were full of great uncertainty and anxiety for teachers, students, parents, and the greater community. The ongoing pandemic highlighted the need for a strong public education system and a need for substitute teachers to keep our education system moving forward. For your support, I thank you.

Your commitment and dedication to educate children during a pandemic did not go unnoticed by your colleagues and by your Association. Each of you played a vital role in supporting our classrooms and Alberta students. As we start a new school year, I know substitute teachers will continue to play a vital role in the education of our students. As the education system continues to grow and see immense change, our colleagues will need the continued support of substitute teachers to provide excellent education when classroom teachers are away from their students.

The Alberta Teachers' Association sponsors this conference to ensure our valuable substitute teachers from across the province have access to first-rate professional development opportunities. I am excited that the conference will be held in person as members have told us that, although the virtual conferences were fulfilling, they missed the opportunity to meet and share stories and teaching strategies. The ATA remains committed to providing high quality professional development for all our members.

Thank you for the work you do daily in educating the students of Alberta. I truly hope that the professional learning you are about to experience and the networks that you will create will serve you, your colleagues and the students of Alberta well—no matter what the added twists and turns the 2022-2023 school year may bring. Enjoy the conference and I wish you a very fulfilling year ahead.

Jason Schilling
President