

On October 16th, 2017 we have the opportunity and responsibility to elect school board trustees within each of Alberta's school districts.

School board trustees set important policies and priorities which directly impact the experience of students and families within their district.

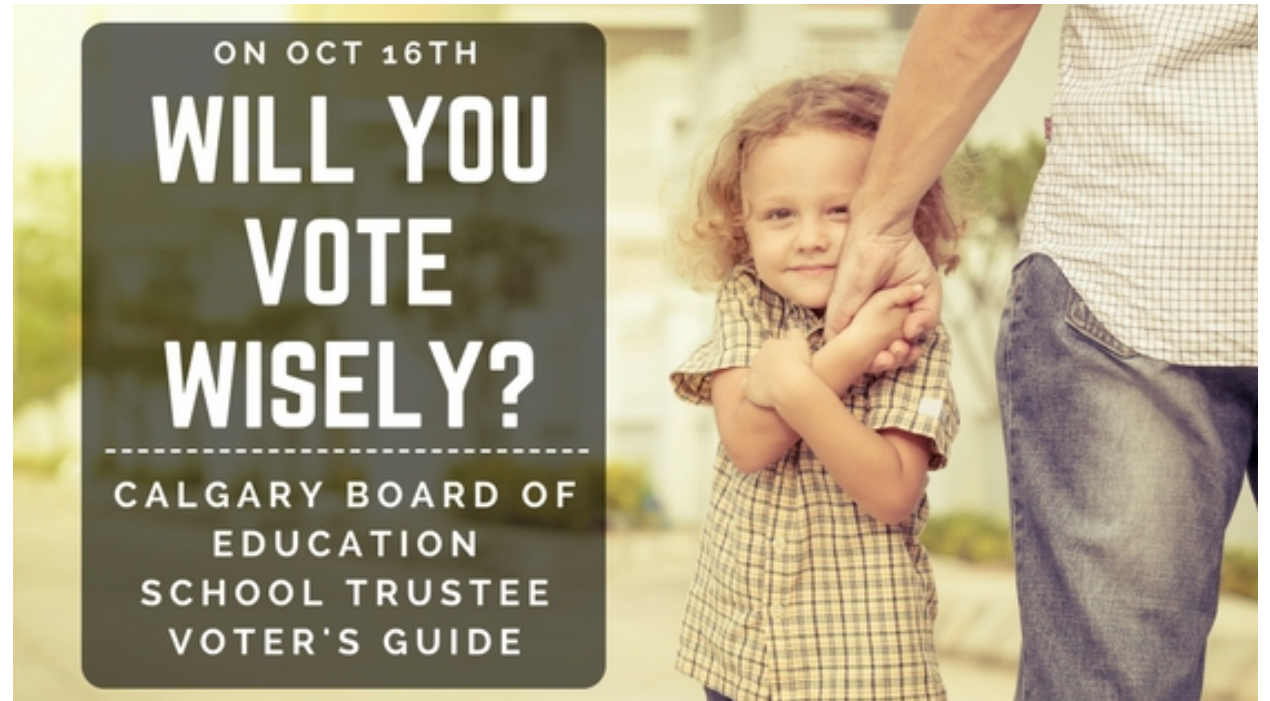
They also manage budgets which range from multi-millions in some areas to more than one billion dollars each for [Calgary](#) & [Edmonton](#). These billions of dollars spent every year come directly from taxpayers. In fact, up to 30% of your property tax goes [directly to the province](#) for education (see [Edmonton](#) and [Red Deer](#) as examples).

Trustee decisions can also impact students and families beyond a trustee's own district. For example, this past year certain public school boards/trustees actively lobbied the provincial government to:

- [eliminate the choice](#) of a separate Catholic system
- [defund](#) independent school students

Remember: Even if you have don't have a child in school or in the public school system, we all pay taxes to fund the system and we all reap the consequences of how it is managed, whether wisely or poorly.

Make your vote count! Our future generations depend on our wise choices today.



BE INFORMED AND ENGAGED

Parents for Choice in Education (PCE) has compiled information for 200 + candidates in 16 different school districts in Alberta.

PCE will not promote or endorse any particular candidate, nor tell you how you should vote.

What we **will** do is urge every Albertan toward:

1. **INFORMED** decision making
2. **ENGAGING** in the democratic process

Remember: The individuals elected to trustee positions will govern the direction of our local schools for the **next 4 years**.

We have provided this resource to make it as easy as possible for you to learn about

candidates in your area and select trustees you feel will be responsive to your concerns and represent your values.

Take the time to get to know your candidates and VOTE WISELY. The future of education in Alberta depends on you!

TRUSTEE VOTER'S GUIDE

Where possible, PCE has included multiple sources of information, including personal websites and/or Facebook pages, profiles and videos provided by the school district and various relevant news articles. We also provide links to other public surveys if the responses allowed for nuanced personal policy perspectives to be shared. We do not consider pledges to fall into this category.

Unfortunately, in some districts many candidates do not have personal websites, nor does their district offer candidate videos or profiles. In this case, we have tracked down an email address for you to contact candidates directly with your questions and concerns. Feel free to use the [PCE questionnaire](#) for this purpose, if the questions we ask are meaningful to you.

For Albertans whose school district is not listed [on our site](#), we encourage you to search on your school district's website and look for information related to trustee elections. If you can't find election information, please contact your district directly and ask them to provide the information. As a constituent you are entitled access to a list of candidates and should be able to contact them.

Candidates listed in our Voter Guide received our [PCE Questionnaire](#). All those who submitted their response prior to the deadline have their answers included in this resource.

We appreciate each candidate who responded honestly, regardless of whether or not their stance is aligned with PCE's particular advocacy positions.

Ultimately PCE's role is to provide information and encourage voters to VOTE WISELY.

For the sake of our children, grandchildren and the future direction of education in this province, it is important we all do our part. To access the Voter Guide for any of the other 15 school districts compiled by PCE, please [visit our website HERE](#).

WANT TO DO MORE? SHARE & VOLUNTEER

In addition to voting wisely yourself, please communicate to those in your networks and spheres of influence the importance of these elections. Encourage them to be informed and vote for excellent trustee candidates who will best reflect their values and priorities.

On the [PCE website](#) we offer several tools to help spread the word, including half page printable flyers, a sample email, and a 30 second video ad.

In the final weeks and days before October 16th, candidates will be busy delivering flyers to doorsteps, putting up signs and making phone calls to supporters to remind them to vote.

As you learn about the candidates you may want to lend extra support to one of them, even if they are not in the same specific area or ward. If so, we encourage you to send them an email and let them know you want to help them with their campaign. **Even 1-2 hours of your time before the Oct 16th election can make a tremendous difference as to which candidates will sit on the future board of trustees in your district.**

Another way to support a candidate is through financial donations to strengthen their campaign. Look on their website for a DONATE button or send them an email to offer your financial support. **Note: PCE has not, and will not, provide any financial support to any electoral campaign or candidate.*

Let's work together to ensure the best possible candidates are elected to the important role of school board trustee in Alberta!



CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION (7 to be elected)

Vote Elections Calgary - Candidate profiles [AVAILABLE HERE](#)

DON'T KNOW YOUR WARD? [CLICK HERE](#)

FIND YOUR VOTING STATION: [CLICK HERE](#)

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
CUMMINGS, Gord	gordwcummings@gmail.com	1 and 2	
HURDMAN, Trina	trina@hurdman.ca	1 and 2	CBE Video
ADAMS, Althea	althea@studentscount.ca	3 and 4	CBE Video
AMJAD, Nimra	nimra@votnimra.ca	3 and 4	CBE Video
HACK, Laura	laura@laurahack.ca	3 and 4	CBE Video
TYERS, Kim	contact@kimtyers.com	3 and 4	CBE Video
CHAHAL, Jasbir	chahaljas@hotmail.com	5 and 10	CBE Video
DENNIS, Marilyn	marilyn@marilyndennis.org	5 and 10	CBE Video
DHAWAN, Rekha	rekhadhawan@teacherfortrustee.com	5 and 10	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE
GHANN, Jameela	letstalk@jameelaghann.com	5 and 10	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE
GILL, Raman	rgillapril9@yahoo.com	5 and 10	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video

GREWAL, Gurpreet	gurpreetgrewal@shaw.ca	5 and 10	
HASNAIN, Syed	syedhasnain45@gmail.com	5 and 10	CBE Video
KING, Pamela	Pamela-king@shaw.ca	5 and 10	CBE Video
RAI, Veerpal		5 and 10	
SHERWANI, Sohail	sohail.sherwani@gmail.com	5 and 10	CBE Video
SMETACEK, Bianca	Info@biancasmetacek.ca	5 and 10	CBE Video
SULTAN, Wasima	wasikadri@gmail.com	5 and 10	CBE Video
BOLGER, Patricia	abcpatricia@telus.net	6 and 7	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video
DAVIS, Lisa	lisa@studentscount.ca	6 and 7	CBE Video
BARTLETT, Sabrina	sabrina@studentscount.ca	8 and 9	CBE Video
HEHR, Richard	dickhehr@mac.com	8 and 9	CBE Video
TERLESKY, Merle	merle@voteterlesky.ca	8 and 9	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video
HRDLYCKA, Julie	info@juliehrdlicka.ca	11 and 13	CBE Video *Note: Julie Hrdlycka accepted nearly \$20,000 from unions for her 2013 election campaign, more than double any other candidate running for CBE
VALLIANI, Sadiq	sadiq@studentscount.ca	11 and 13	CBE Video

AHMAD, Muzaffar		12 & 14	CBE Video
BRADSHAW, Mike	mike@studentscount.ca	12 and 14	CBE Video
DRAPER, Karen	k_draper@shaw.ca	12 & 14	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video
ELDAN, Shauna	sEldan4trustee@shaw.ca	12 and 14	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video
MACLEOD, Samantha	samantha@samanthafortrustee.ca	12 & 14	CBE Video
OBUCK, Carla	carlaobuck@gmail.com	12 & 14	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE CBE Video
PEDEN, Sara	sara@sarapeden.ca	12 and 14	CBE Video
SEAMONE, Jennifer	jennifer_seamone4trustee@telus.net	12 and 14	CBE Video
TOMBLIN, Tory	torytomblin@gmail.com	12 and 14	CBE Video