

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.

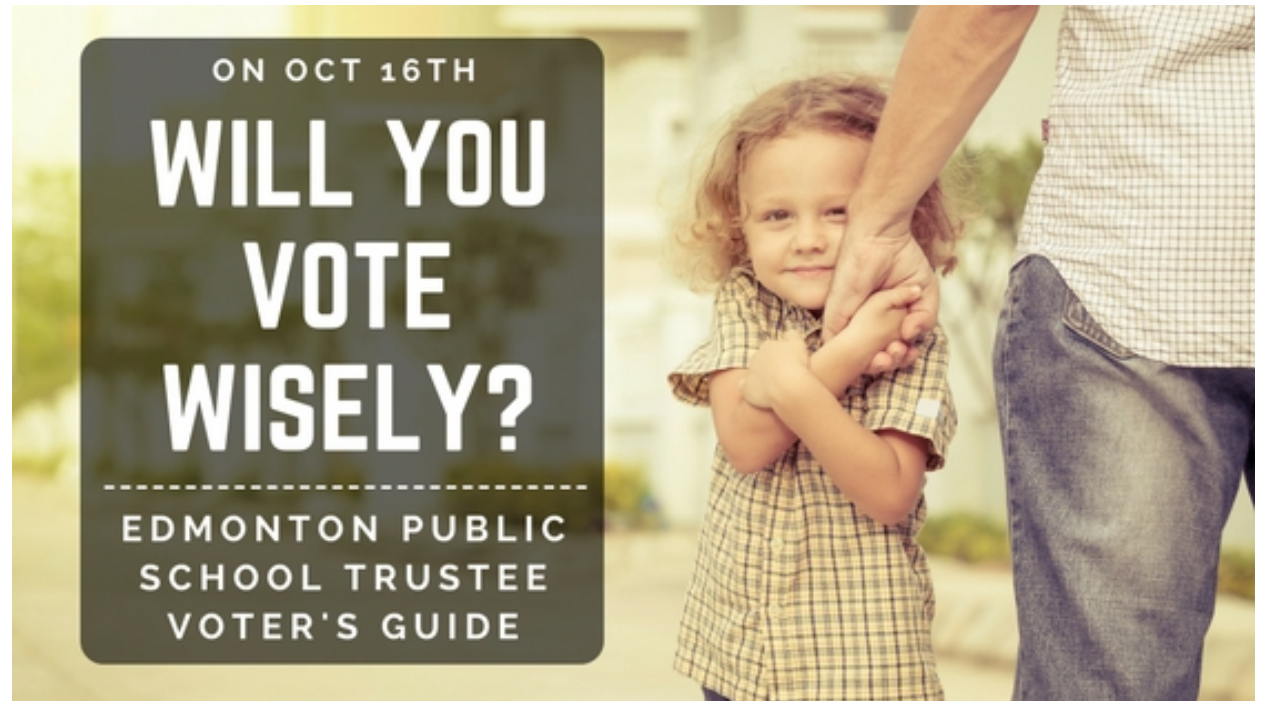
They also manage budgets which range from multi-millions in some areas to more than one billion dollars each for [Calgary](#) & [Edmonton](#). These billions of dollars spent every year come directly from taxpayers. In fact, up to 30% of your property tax goes [directly to the province](#) for education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

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

STEP #1: Find your ward

Edmonton is divided into 9 areas called “wards”.

One trustee is elected from each ward. If you need help finding your ward, please [CLICK HERE](#) for an online tool that allows you to zoom in on the map.

STEP #2: Learn more about the specific candidates for your ward

For your convenience we have separated the list of candidates into wards. Find the page of candidates for your ward and then research more about each candidate. 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.

All candidates listed in our Voter Guide received our PCE Questionnaire. Those who submitted their response prior to the deadline have their answers included in this resource.

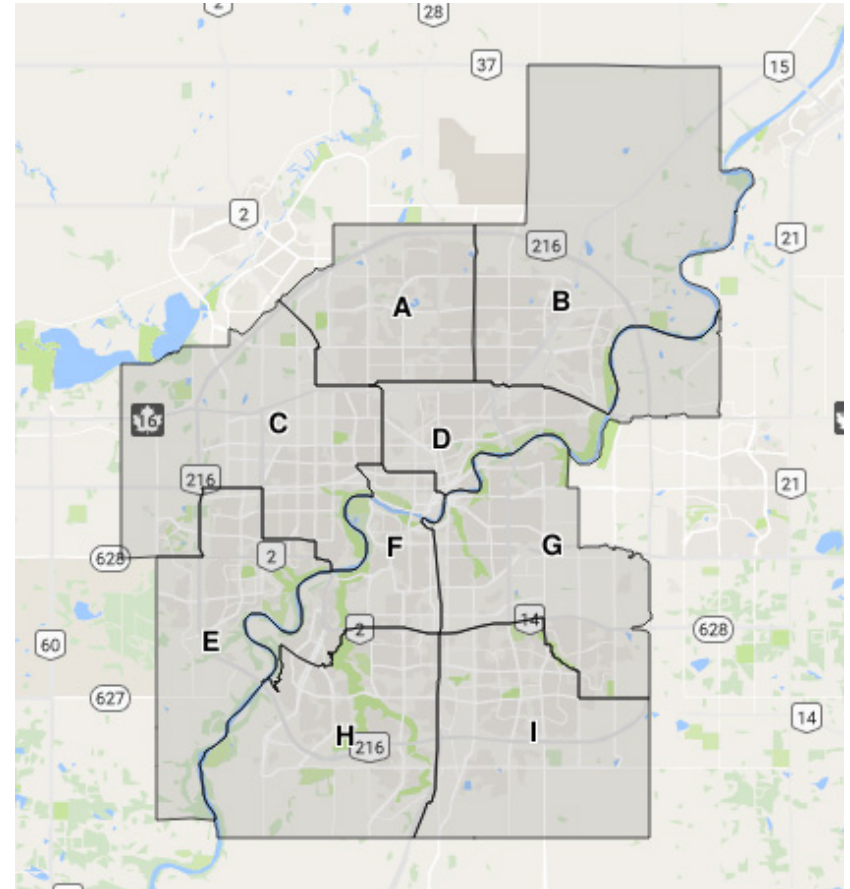
We appreciate each candidate who responded honestly, regardless of whether or not their stance is aligned with PCE’s particular advocacy positions.

STEP #3: Find your voting station.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find your voting station and remember to VOTE on October 16th.

STEP #4: Want to do more?

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website for tools you can use to **share this Voter’s Guide resource with others**, including half page printable flyers, a sample email and a 30 second video advertisement, as well as information on volunteering and donating.



WARD A candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
CHAHAL, Perry	Facebook page	A	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response
DEAK, Thomas	Contact Form	A	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
GAULT, James	Contact Form	A	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE
JOHNER, Cheryl	Cheryl.johner@epsb.ca	A	
KNOWMADIC, Ahmed	Facebook page	A	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
LAM, George Chung Yan	Contact Form	A	
LURI, Joseph	Facebook page	A	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results

WARD B candidate – Edmonton Public - ACCLAIMED

DRAPER, Michelle	michelle.draper@epsb.ca	B	ACCLAIMED
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WARD C candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
CHUBB, Orville	Contact Form	C	<p>PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE</p> <p>Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response</p> <p>Capital Club Survey Results</p>
DUNN, Shelagh	Contact Form	C	<p>Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response</p> <p>Capital Club Survey Results</p>
HOFFMAN, Jon	hoffmanforepsb@gmail.com	C	<p>PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE</p>
KRONEBUSCH, Kurt	Facebook page	C	<p>PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE</p> <p>Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response</p> <p>Capital Club Survey Results</p>

WARD D candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
BEHRENS, Jeff	votejeffbehrens@gmail.com	D	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
ESTABROOKS, Trisha	Contact Form	D	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
O'CONNOR, Kevin	Facebook page	D	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
PERRYMENT, Tamie	tamiewardd@gmail.com	D	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results

WARD E candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
FILICE, Sam	samfilice2017@gmail.com	<p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p> Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results </p>
GIBSON, Ken	ken@kengibson.ca	<p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p> Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results </p>
<p>HURLEY, Chris</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	

WARD F candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
JANZ, Michael	michael@michaeljanz.ca	<p style="text-align: center;">F</p>	<p> PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response *Michael Janz, in Question #6 of his Teachers' Association Survey Response above, identifies our organization as one of the "homophobic organizations who want to roll back the clock" by linking to an article that is a blatant mischaracterization of our organization and our advocacy for parental choice in education. Capital Club Survey Results </p>
PHILIP, Yemi	info@yemiphilip.ca	<p style="text-align: center;">F</p>	<p> PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response </p>

WARD G candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
DUCE, Tyler	info@tylerduce.ca	G	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE
STIRLING, Bridget	info@bridgetstirling.ca	G	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results In the News: Put forward motion for Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) and supports new law making it illegal for school staff to share information with parents about their own children

WARD H candidates – Edmonton Public

NAME & WEBSITE	CONTACT INFO	WARD	LEARN MORE INFORMATION
ASADI, Neda	Contact Form	H	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results
IP, Nathan	Contact Form	H	

WARD I candidates – Edmonton Public

ADAMS, Sherry	Sherry.Adams@epsb.ca	I	PCE Questionnaire Response CLICK HERE Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response
ASGHAR, Sajida	Facebook page	I	
WAGNER, Saira	campaign@sairawagner.ca	I	Teachers' Association Edmonton Local Survey Response Capital Club Survey Results