



## **Charlene May, Calgary Board of Education Trustee Candidate for Wards 12 & 14**

How would you advocate for sustainable and adequate funding for our students?

Student success should be at the forefront for funding decisions and allocations provincially and at the board level. Adequate funding promotes lower classroom

sizes, a wider variety of programs, and specialized classroom supports that promote robust education. The Weighted Moving Average (WMA) provides predictable funding, but for boards such as the Calgary board of Education, who continually see increased growth, WMA results in lower per student funding that trails 2-3 years behind actual enrollment. PUF funding needs to be reinstated to previous levels – early interventions and classroom support systems benefit children in the long run.

What are your priorities for education outcomes for Alberta's students?

Equitable and accessible educational opportunities that encourage and develop a passion for learning, resulting in high graduation rates. Alberta's students need to have a variety of high-quality subject matter to aid in a strong sense of identity.

What is your position on the current draft K-6 curriculum?

The draft curriculum was created without adequate consultation with educators, specialists, and curriculum experts. The created document is partisan, age inappropriate, blurs the line between curriculum and pedagogy, and dismisses the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action in education. I want our teachers to be supported in the classroom. This means having the resources, materials, support, and additional courses to implement any new curriculum.

What is your position on charter schools?

Charter schools are funded at the same rate as public schools, but lack democratic representation and have the opportunity to decline enrollment to all students. If there is a need for a specialized school, it should be done within the public school system to be accountable and equitable.



## Public Interest Alberta

### What are your priorities for new school buildings and other infrastructure?

South Calgary High School. Southeast Calgary needs a High School to cope with increased urban sprawl. Our high schools are currently overutilized, having students travel to farther high schools to balance enrollment.

### What is your position on public-private partnerships to build new schools?

New schools need to be designed as hubs for the community. Schools require flexibility of opportunities such as before and after school spaces, evening and weekend rentals, and gathering places. Historically P3s have reduced community opportunities, have maintenance issues that the board/school level cannot address, provided lower quality equipment, and produced over budget.