



Roisin Gibb, Lethbridge Separate School Trustee Candidate

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

As a trustee, I think it is essential we have an understanding of funding, grants and resources that are available to education, at a municipal, provincial and federal level. We then need to prioritize the needs of the students, school communities and the

district to ensure we are advocating at all three levels of government for resources needed.

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

My priorities include focusing on learning gaps due to covid and mental health challenges that have been magnified during this time. I also recognize we are preparing our students for an unknown future. Many of the jobs they will have do not yet exist, so we need to have them prepared with skills and competencies for an unknown world. If we instill a love of learning in our children, they will be set up to be a lifelong learner and be able to thrive in whatever their future careers may hold.

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

I am a physiotherapist by education and not a curriculum expert. Therefore, I believe we need to trust the teachers and educational leaders. In their opinion, the new K-6 curriculum has inadequacies and shortcomings. They feel the curriculum is developmentally inappropriate and not putting enough emphasis on higher order thinking. They have also found fault with the Social Studies aspect not aligning with Canadian history. As a parent of a child in grade 4 and grade 8, this curriculum directly impacts my son in grade 4. If the teachers feel so strongly that it is damaging to student learning, I can not support the draft curriculum.

What is your position on charter schools?

My goal is to make sure there is a strong publicly funded education system. I believe that education should be fair and equitable for all children.



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

All children and school staff need to be comfortable, safe and healthy in their learning environment. The schools and playgrounds need to be accessible and safe for all students, regardless of their abilities. As we are preparing our children for an unknown future - technology is a major priority. Students and school communities need to have access to the latest technological advances.

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

Given the current economic situation, I believe we need new and creative solutions to ensure success. Should such a partnership be beneficial to the school community and the community at large, then this is perhaps an arrangement that would need to be explored.