

Sharing YOUR views at board meetings

When are public board meetings held?

The Board of Trustees meets at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month during the school year. These public meetings are held in McCauley Chambers located on the 2nd floor at the Centre for Education (One Kingsway).

Board meeting agendas and accompanying reports are posted on the Board of Trustees section of Edmonton Public Schools' website (www.epsb.ca) the Friday evening before each meeting. In addition, copies are available for pick-up outside of McCauley Chambers on board meeting nights.

Please note that these meetings are audio recorded. In addition, media may also attend, which means your picture may be taken or you may be shown on the news.

I want to make a comment at the board meeting...

If you have a **specific question** related to your child's education, it is best to address it at the school level with the teacher and/or principal.

If you wish to make **general comments** on an educational issue, twenty minutes is set aside at the beginning of every board meeting for public comments.

At that point in the agenda, the Board Chair will ask if there are any comments from the audience. Identify yourself and the topic you would like to address. Comments should be kept to three minutes and be addressed to the Board Chair. The Board will receive your comments as information and determine if a written Board response is required.

If you are requesting a written response, you may send your question or comment via email to the Board Office at pam.crozier@epsb.ca or by mail addressed to the Board Chair at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway, Edmonton, AB T5H 4G9.

If a member of the public wishes to give a position to the Board on a **specific board agenda item**, the individual must register with the Corporate Board Secretary by noon of the day of the meeting. Please contact the Board Office at 780-429-8021 for assistance. Comments should be kept to three minutes and be addressed to the Board Chair.

Formal delegations and presentations to the Board

Groups or individuals who wish to appear before the Board to make a presentation or to make a request of the Board should refer to the delegations and presentations policy available online at: www.epsb.ca/policy/jab.bp.shtml or contact the Board Office at 780-429-8021 for assistance.





District Overview

At Edmonton Public Schools, we are committed to ensuring that all students achieve success in their individual programs of study. We want to improve both our student achievement results and our high school completion rates. We do this by working collaboratively with our partners in education - parents, government, business, community organizations and the public at large. We know students and their families bring diverse interests, skills and expectations to the classroom.

To meet students' needs and help them achieve to the best of their ability, we offer a variety of options:

- Open boundary systems - parents can choose to send their child to virtually any Edmonton Public School, provided it has enough space and appropriate programming;
- Special education programs;
- Alternative programs;
- Lifelong learner programs through Metro Continuing Education; and
- Other programs for students with specialized requirements.

We believe our role as educators includes teaching values, responsibility and citizenship. It's not enough for students to understand what respect, honesty and integrity mean - we want them to integrate those values into their own lives. Our schools are safe, friendly places. Students are taught in stimulating classrooms by dynamic and dedicated teachers. Parents are welcome in our schools. We encourage parents to participate in their child's education and we offer a variety of opportunities in which to get involved. We also provide parents with strategies they can use at home to support their children in their learning.

2010-2011 Facts and Figures

Total number of schools	197
Elementary schools	124
Elementary Junior High schools	23
Elementary, Junior & Senior High schools	7
Junior High schools	27
Senior High schools	13
Other educational services	18
Student Enrolment (September 30, 2010)	79,908
Total staff (August 2010)	7,593.18 FTE
2010-2011 Operating budget	\$826,200,000

Edmonton Public Schools is the second largest school district in Alberta and the sixth largest school district in Canada.

