

REPORT TO CSBA

REPORT TO THE CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Advocacy Update

Advocacy letters have been sent out over the summer in response to member resolutions passed at our annual general meeting.

- [Area Standards Review](#)
- [Rural Recruitment and Retention Strategy](#)
- [Tampon and pad dispenser funding](#)
- [Mental health and wellness initiatives](#)
- [Mental health supports](#)
- [School bus safety](#)
- [E-cigarettes and vapour products](#)
- [Funding for exempt staff compensation](#)
- [Teacher training requirements](#)
- [Implementing CleanBC for school districts](#)

Federal Election Advocacy Kit

School trustees are important advocates for their communities, and the BC School Trustees Association has developed an advocacy kit in advance of the federal election that will take place on October 21, 2019.

It is recommended that boards discuss the kits and have a conversation regarding advocacy strategies and how your board wants to approach local candidates. The kit helps to guide these interactions in order to make them as effective as possible.

Please note that the kits will also be posted on the HUB for trustees in the second half of September. BCSTA has also developed a brief leave-behind sheet of key points for you to leave with the candidate at the end of the meeting.

Bargaining Update

Bargaining talks continue between the BC Teachers' Federation and BC Public School Employers' Association. Schools remain open and progress continues at the table. BCSTA continues to support the BCPSEA and their bargaining team through this process. We all look forward to a resolution that puts student success first, and creating positive working conditions contributes to that goal.

Funding Model Review

BCSTA continues to participate in the Funding Model Review process. BCSTA had representation on all the FMR working groups and these groups have wrapped up their meetings. The reports will be submitted to the minister shortly, and while they are embargoed until Minister Rob Fleming approves their release, BCSTA will keep members up to date on this content as soon as it becomes available.

The association continues to advocate to the ministry that boards of education have ample opportunity to interact with a possible model in order to ensure the transition mitigates any possible negative or unforeseen outcomes. We have encouraged the MoE to dedicate a significant portion of the partner liaison day in October to this issue. ■