



January 12, 2016

The Honourable David Eggen, M.L.A., Minister of Education
228 Legislature Building
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Dear Minister Eggen,

We, the undersigned chairpersons of Alberta's public charter school boards, represent the more than 9,000 students who are enrolled in public charter schools across the province. It is our understanding that you have met with various education stakeholder groups during the past several months and we respectfully request that the same opportunity be afforded to us.

When we meet, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters as:

1. The vision for the role of public charter schools in Alberta;
2. The governance structure of public charter schools; and
3. The expectations concerning the research mandate of public charter schools.

Thank you for your consideration. Please reply to Jolene Kochendorfer, Board Chair at Valhalla Community School and Chair of the Charter Board Directors' Committee, at 780-356-2370. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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