

News You Can Use from the TAAPCS Executive Director – March 2026

Important upcoming meetings:

[7 March](#) is the next TAAPCS Board Meeting 1 pm (FLCA Hosting in Airdrie)

PLEASE NOTE: Superintendents/Secretary Treasurers as well as Chairs/Representatives will both meet at 11:00 a.m. at FLCA on 7 March.

[10 March](#) is the next TAAPCS Executive Meeting

[13 March](#) is the next scheduled Chairs meeting

[9 May](#) is the following TAAPCS Board Meeting (Edmonton area)

[23 October](#) TAAPCS Teachers' Conference

[November](#) is the next TAAPCS AGM (Calgary area)

Latest count of approved Public Charter Schools is at 31!

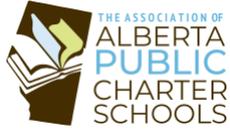
This past week the province released their 2026 budget and while it shows increases in dollars for education it does not seem to be a particularly good budget for our schools. Increases seem to be tempered with cuts in other funds. The flexibility of in-year capital requests gives us, of course takes away from big capital announcements at budget. I do want to congratulate Alberta Classical on their capital approval.

As I reported last month, Dee-Ann and I have been encouraging greater transparency in the capital process including bringing schools into the discussion and laying out a public process that Public Charter Schools are assessed on. Every Charter is meant to be invited to a meeting in Edmonton this month in the hopes we can advocate for such a process. Plan for TAAPCS to host an online members' meeting just prior to the Education one to co-ordinate our messaging.

As mentioned last month, for those of you planning to attend the 7 March TAAPCS Board meeting, we will be presenting an update on the 3-year plan with a presentation and Q&A. This will be a great update and opportunity to review progress. Thank you to all members who have joined in the initiative.

Many of you are aware of CARDUS and the work they do in support of choice in education. I have joined a monthly meeting hosted by them with the goal of increasing awareness among education associations of what each other is doing. This awareness will help influence our own initiatives as appropriate.

Dee-Ann and I met in February with Amanda Chapman, MLA for Calgary-Beddington and Education critic for the NDP. We went into the meeting expecting significant push back, but she was quite open to a conversation and seems well focused on education. While there is no indication of the NDP changing their generally anti-Public Charter stance, Dee-Ann and I both feel meetings with MLAs from all political stripes are good to do.



I received word that the plan from Alberta Municipal Affairs to allow Public Charter Schools access to municipal reserve lands is proceeding and should be part of legislation this Session.

This past week I meet with James Johnson of the Minister's office and had a general discussion on Public Charters. The Minister's office continues to be supportive and receptive to our suggestions.

As always please reach out if there are any issues I can help you with.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday in Airdrie!

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