

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

Important upcoming meetings:

[10 April](#) is the next scheduled Chairs meeting

[14 April](#) is the next TAAPCS Executive Meeting

[9 May](#) is the next TAAPCS Board Meeting (Aurora Hosting in Edmonton)

[23 October](#) TAAPCS Teachers' Conference

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

Thank you to everyone who shared your enrolment data and students not accepted numbers. As promised the aggregate number has been shared with Alberta Education and Childcare to show the growing interest in Alberta Public Charter Schools and the challenge to find space. There are now 17,909 students in Alberta's charter schools. TAAPCS members represent 10,647 of these students and our members had to reject 11,572 students who were otherwise eligible to join our schools!

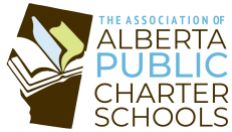
This past week the Government of Alberta introduced two Bills with a multitude of changes for education and some specific benefits for Alberta Public Charter Schools. Bill 25 will enable the transfer of real property by the Minister rather than waiting for conventional school boards to offer it up. It will change the way Superintendents are approved and should give us greater flexibility for appropriate compensation in that vital role. There was also a commitment as part of these changes to allow permanency for Alberta Public Charter Schools. These have all long been a goal of TAAPCS!

Bill 28 will enable Alberta Public Charter Schools to access municipal reserve lands. This means another option is added for moving school construction and getting those 11,572 children we turned away in September in their school of choice.

These successes are worth celebrating and I appreciate everyone's efforts and support in getting to this point. We have shared a thank you note with schools, on our site, and with the Minister's offices.

As I reported last month, on 13 March Alberta Education and Childcare hosted the capital discussion focused on expansion of existing charter schools. The session was well managed and frank. There has now been a "what we heard" document created and shared. I suspect this will be discussed by Chairs in their 10 April meeting so please ensure you have a representative on that call!

The 3-year communications plan will also be on the agenda as the new APCS website is receiving finishing touches and will be shared Friday. The goal is to advise stakeholders and politicians of the change from TAAPCS to APCS officially.



I want to share a link to an interesting poll done by Alberta-based Second Street:

<https://secondstreet.org/2026/03/31/new-poll-canadians-want-k-12-system-to-reverse-several-policies/>

It shows the desire of many across Canada to have the education choices we are so fortunate to have here in Alberta.

Please reach out if there are any issues I can help you with.

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