

# Supports for Students

Teachers are not psychologists, social workers, therapists or counselors but we work hand-in-hand with community-based social service agencies to address students' mental health and wellbeing.

- Cross-ministerial support at the provincial level can ensure students' mental and physical health needs are supported. We believe it is critical to properly fund the community-based social service agencies that assist schools to provide the wraparound services to students and families.

***ASK YOUR CANDIDATE: How will you ensure that community-based social service agencies that partner with schools to provide the wraparound services to students and families receive equitable and sustainable funding?***

**We need your vote to improve and protect public education in Alberta!**

Learn more about how your BGSD Board of Trustees is advocating for students. Scan the QR code below or go to **[www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)** to find out more:



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**K-12  
Education  
Priorities**  
2023 Provincial Election



# Be an informed voter!

## **The Black Gold School Division's Board of Trustees believes the Alberta Government has a responsibility to continually improve our K-12 public education system.**

We encourage you to reach out to your electoral candidates through social media, email, letters and/or in-person to find out how they will support:

## **Funding for Students**

- The current funding formula does not fund student enrolment growth. The Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding allocations are based on enrolment from previous years. We are always lagging behind when trying to meet the needs of current students.
- Allow school boards the autonomy to accumulate and maintain reasonable operating reserves to mitigate potential emergencies and deal with student growth, and the power to address these concerns.

***ASK YOUR CANDIDATE: Should your party form government, how will you ensure that annual funding meets the needs of a growing school community and the School Division's ability to address unforeseen events.***

## **Spaces for Students**

- Many schools in Beaumont, including the current high school, are at or exceeding capacity. While the City of Beaumont has provided a letter of commitment to provide serviced land for a new school, the Province must announce a new school for Beaumont.
- Several of our modular classrooms are at their end-of-life. We need to replace these classrooms to ensure students have clean and safe areas to learn.
- Operations and Maintenance funding must be adequate to ensure that the physical and mechanical structures in existing schools remain safe for student learning.

***ASK YOUR CANDIDATE: How will your administration work to ensure that schools are built or replaced in a timely fashion and that funding adequately meets the needs to keep schools operating?***