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Dear ASCA members,

It's that exciting time of the year again when students are preparing to head back to school after summer break.

Having engaged parents like all of you is so important and I want to assure you that we will continue to involve you in every aspect of your child's education.

The reason I am reaching out to you today is because I want to hear from you directly about which education issues matter most to you and how our government can help ensure your students receive the best education possible.

I know that many of you have called for stable and predictable funding for education for years. In the past, you words often fell on deaf ears. But if you look to our government's last three budgets, you will see that we are providing full funding for enrolment.

We also funded a number of other initiatives to make life better for our students including: reducing school fees, building more schools, building playgrounds to accompany those schools and expanding our school nutrition pilot program. I can assure you this next school year will be just as beneficial for our students as the last.

I will be touring the province this fall to meet with school councils. If you would like to request a time for us to sit down, please email me at education.minister@gov.ab.ca. I would ask that you propose some dates and times that might work and suggest some topics you would like to cover in our conversation. Working together we will work to build even brighter futures for our students.

Sincerely,

David Eggen Minister