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Ms Brandi Rai, President
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Dear Brandi and Wendy,

School Council Annual Report Highlights

At our public meeting on February 7, our Board received a [report](#) summarizing highlights from the 2021-2022 school council annual reports. All of us at Edmonton Public Schools value the partnership of parents and caregivers. Their contributions are essential to student success and add such richness to our schools.

The data in this year's report confirmed once again that school councils provide tremendous support to students and our schools. The report data also reinforced the value of the work of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) to support school councils and school divisions.

This year's results were especially heartening, given the challenges posed to schools and school councils due to the pandemic. What we saw was determination, perseverance and creativity on the part of school councils. In fact, over three-quarters of schools saw participation in school council meetings remain the same or increase.

As the report outlines, school councils offered a tremendous range of support. The main areas school councils noted they were involved with during the 2021–22 school year are as follows:

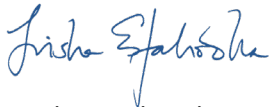
- 79 per cent supported teaching and learning within the school (e.g., provided feedback to the principal, supported cultural awareness and mental health initiatives, advocated for extra student supports)
- 71 per cent supported special events linked to the school plan (e.g., lunch program, open houses, school grand openings, cultural celebrations)
- 52 per cent informed/advised the principal on the school's budget
- 43 per cent informed/advised the principal on the school's education plan
- 33 per cent informed/provided input to the principal on the school's results review

- 41 per cent advocated for the needs of the school community to the city, province and other groups
- 30 per cent provided input to help inform the work of the Board of Trustees
- 24 per cent informed the work of ASCA through an engagement task force or annual general meeting
- 23 per cent worked on joint projects with the community or another school in support of the school plan

As you can see at the end of the report, school councils have even more great initiatives happening this year. We have been hearing about these projects as we attend school council meetings and see the positive impacts of school council efforts when we visit schools.

Thank you to everyone at ASCA for your work to support our school councils. The annual series of workshops you offer at the beginning of the year gets everyone off to a great start. Your support throughout the year helps maintain the momentum and assists with communication, skill development and good governance. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to express our appreciation. We look forward to working with you to support staff, students and families for years to come.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair