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Wildrose believes every child in Alberta should receive an education that is second to none. This means adequate facilities, support for teachers, the best curriculum, and a system that focuses resources where they matter most: on students.

Wildrose is proud of the educational choice for parents offered by our education system. This diversity is a strength, and we will protect the model that offers families a variety of options.

Growth in our province has created intense pressures to build schools, and bad government planning has led to a massive backlog in school construction. Wildrose will reform the tendering and design process so schools can be built on time, on budget, and based on objective needs, not electioneering.

Alberta's students are slipping in terms of global achievement. This is a result of unproven strategies and philosophies being imposed on teachers.

Wildrose supports innovation, but we must preserve the fundamentals that have served us so well for so long.

If we get education right, everything gets easier in the long-run. Wildrose believes in schools where there is a place for every student, and where every student can reach their full potential.



## *Building Schools On Time and On Budget*

- Ensure that new school projects, modernizations, and modular classrooms are approved in a transparent and consistent way, and aligned with the priorities determined by school boards, not the Minister
- Speed up completion of new schools and major projects and save money by improving the tendering and design process so that more builders are eligible
- Empower local boards to find efficiencies by coordinating with developers and community facilities such as recreation centres and libraries



## *Getting Back to Basics In Curriculum and Grading*

- Clearly identify the knowledge and skills required for each grade level and entrust teachers to choose the method of instruction for their classrooms
- Develop a consistent provincial grading standard with traditional letter or percentage grades for Grade 5-12 students and support the practice of teachers who give a grade of zero for incomplete work
- Improve transparency concerning student results so parents have the information they need to make decisions regarding their child's education

## *Protecting Choice and Equality*

- Eliminate mandatory school fees
- Protect a parent's right to choose what school their child attends (Public, Catholic, Francophone, Public Charter, Private, or Homeschool) and maintain the current model for school funding
- Review funding and government supports to help schools be more sustainable in small communities
- Recognize that meeting the needs of special needs students means improving the supports for their families and teachers
- Ensure adequate funding follows each special needs student and is used in a way that best meets the individual needs of the child.
- Facilitate students who would benefit from greater inclusion, but ensure adequate supervision and support is provided so the classroom is a healthy learning environment for everyone
- Work with all partners to make sure that every child, regardless of gender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, appearance or any other characteristic, has a bully-free educational experience