

Concluding comments

The Commission would like to thank the thousands of individual Albertans, parents and students, teachers and trustees, education stakeholders, and experts who participated in this important review. Just over a year ago, we issued an invitation for all interested Albertans to tell us their concerns and give us their best advice. In typical Alberta style, people rose to the challenge and offered us a wealth of ideas.

Clearly, Albertans care deeply about their education system. They want all our children to get the very best education we can provide. Alberta is fortunate to have one of the best education systems in Canada and North America. But that doesn't mean what we have today is good enough. The education system can and must continuously improve to meet the challenges of the future.

The Commission urges Albertans to review this report and think about the changes we have proposed. There is no doubt that some of our recommendations will be well received while others will be the subject of heated debates. That's a good thing. Our education system is too important to ignore, and the best results will come from ongoing discussion and debate, careful thought and deliberate action.

By working together and investing in the future of our children, the Commission is confident that Alberta will lead the country, if not the world, in the quality of education, and we'll achieve the vision. Every child will learn. And every child will succeed.