

## ASCA School Council Engagement Task Force - October 2019 REQUEST FOR INPUT

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Thank you for participating in the *School Council Engagement Task Force (SCETF)* for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

The feedback your school council parent representative compiles and submits to the ASCA is greatly appreciated by the Board to assist in their considerations on education issues in Alberta.

*The Board utilizes information gathered to inform the advocacy work of the association. This may include advising at external committee meetings, sharing with appropriate Ministries or provincial education organizations, and the potential for Board sponsored Advocacy Resolutions.*

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Request for input regarding “**youth vaping**”.

### *Background/context:*

Alberta Health Minister Tyler Shandro has asked MLA Jeremy Nixon to lead a review of the province’s tobacco and smoking legislation, with a focus on regulating vaping.

Alberta’s current smoking and tobacco legislation doesn’t specifically address vaping or the use of tobacco-like products such as hookah and water pipe in public and workplaces.

The *Alberta Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act* requires a review to begin by November 1, 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Amendments to the act will be introduced in the spring 2020 session of the legislature.

Click here for the [government news release](#)

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*Please submit feedback to ASCA by **December 14, 2019.***

1. Has *youth vaping* been a topic of discussion at your school council meetings?

Yes  No

2. Has your school council/school organized parent presentations on *youth vaping*?

Yes  No

3. Is your school council aware of local resources (information, sessions) regarding *youth vaping*?

Yes  No

4. Are parents in your school community supported with information and knowledge related to *youth vaping*?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

5. Does your school/division have policies regarding *youth vaping*?

Yes  No

If yes, what are the consequences that can be applied to students who breach those policies?

6. Do students in your school use “secretive” ways to participate in vaping in/on school property?  
(E.g. utilizing student washrooms; concealing vaping tools, etc.)

Comments:

7. Does your school council support the Alberta Government in establishing policies and regulations with respect to the advertising, sales, and use, of vaping materials and youth?

Yes  No

If yes, should policies and regulations be similar to those for other smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, cannabis, etc.)?

Comments:

School Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: (designated SCETF representative name) \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your input!***

Link to online input FORM:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-council-engagement-task-force-input2>