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Welcome ASCA Member School Council!

Re: Your School Council's 24/25 Membership in ASCA

We are happy to inform you that your School Division has renewed ASCA Membership for your School Council for 2024-2025!

ASCA Membership

ASCA will continue to provide Member School Councils with the rights, responsibilities, and privileges specified in <u>ASCA Bylaw Article 4.1</u>., and the exciting opportunity to participate in specific aspects of Association direction-setting such as establishing provincial level <u>advocacy policies</u> and electing Board Members each year. Your School Council will also continue to have access to the resources and materials specifically designed to assist them in fulfilling their legislated responsibilities, increase parent engagement, and support and enhance student achievement through the ASCA <u>Members Only</u> portion of our website.

Added Member Benefits for 2024-2025!

An added benefit for our 2024/2025 Membership year, your School Council will receive a **25% discount** on any <u>Scheduled Learning Opportunities</u> (SLOs) and specific <u>Individual Workshops</u> not offered within the SLOs! Be sure to check back for updated schedules, descriptions, and pricing before the beginning of the school year!

What You Need to Do

If your School Council has already had access to the Members Only portion of our website, there may be no disruption – *please check*! If there are changes in School Council executives, or you're a new ASCA Member School Council, a <u>School Council Contact Information</u> form must be completed and submitted through our website to ensure we have the most recent and accurate information on hand to enable access. If your School Council's Members Only account will be using the same email address as 2023/2024, no additional forms are required on your part. Additionally, please add your School Council to our <u>distribution list</u> for updates in education and our newsletter.

Alberta School Councils Engagement (ASCE) Grant

ASCA is pleased to confirm that the \$500.00 <u>ASCE Grant</u> provided by Alberta Education (page <u>105-106</u> of the Funding Manual for School Authorities) will be available to school councils once again for the 2024-2025 school year and can be used to pay for the majority of ASCA Learning Opportunities (whether virtual or in-person) and <u>support services</u>.

Parent Voice Through School Councils

Every school council membership strengthens the collective parent voice through school councils in provincial education. <u>ASCA</u> is committed to ensuring parents are valued and informed education partners and will continue to present the parent perspective, provided by its Member School Councils, to the government and others in provincial education.

We look forward to working with your School Council to represent the parent voice, support the success of your school council and to strengthen that all-important connection over the next year! Should you have any questions or concerns regarding ASCA Membership, services, or fees, please contact us at 1-800-661-3470 or support@albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

Warm regards,

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