



Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association

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Re: 2020 ACSTA AGM – INFORMATION

Dear Stakeholders and Guests:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a few details about our upcoming Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association (ACSTA) Annual General Meeting.

Given the health concerns relating to COVID, it was decided by the Board of Directors to conduct a virtual AGM on Saturday, November 14, 2020. The theme of this year's AGM, **"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength"** (Isaiah 40:31) speaks to the many challenges the COVID pandemic has posed on local, national, and international landscapes. In particular, our work in Catholic education has met new challenges and opportunities for improvement and change.

To this end, we remain rooted in the hope and sustenance our faith promises. Together, as people of God, we remain steadfast in our unwavering belief that we are children of the light. A light that promises hope and courage as we continually strive to serve publicly funded Catholic education in Alberta, Yukon, and Northwest Territories.

Due to the virtual platform of our one day AGM, we have had to make significant adjustments in our Program to ensure that the business items are thoroughly addressed. Much of the day will be dedicated to Association business, engagement, and governance.

The AGM has traditionally been a time of fellowship where we honour the many individuals who have dedicated their ministry to serving Catholic education. Historically, the award recipients would be honoured at the dinner banquet, however, that is not possible given the COVID restrictions. Alternatively, our award recipients will be highlighted through a PowerPoint presentation during the lunch hour of the AGM. In addition, throughout the course of the year we will be celebrating their contributions using a media based, community approach.

To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the day, we are unfortunately limiting the number of guests invited. As noted, much of the Program will not be relevant to guest participation. Please accept this letter as **INFORMATION**, and know how disappointed we are in not being able to share our AGM with you. Rest assured that you are with us in prayer and spirit.

May God continue to bless Catholic education and guide those who serve in this very important ministry!

Sincerely,

Dr. Eugenia Kowalczyk
Executive Director