

# C. Definitions

**Assistant Principal:** Means vice-principal or assistant principal.

**Education Partners:** Means the various provincial organizations that play a role in Alberta’s public education system, including the Government of Alberta, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, the Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta, the Alberta School Boards Association, the Alberta Catholic School Trustees’ Association, the Public School Boards’ Association of Alberta, the Alberta School Councils’ Association and the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta.

**Funding:** Policies calling on external organizations to fund programs should be interpreted to mean that the funding envisioned is appropriate (sufficient to support the structure and objectives of the program), adequate (enough to serve the number of potential beneficiaries) and sustainable (it remains in place for the length of the program and is adjusted to reflect changing costs).

**Government of Alberta:** Means Alberta Education, Alberta Advanced Education or any other ministry of the Government of Alberta.

**Indigenous Peoples:**

- Includes three distinct groups of Indigenous Peoples within Canada: First Nations, Métis and Inuit
- Term used globally to refer to the original inhabitants of any region
- Although not specifically defined, the United Nations-identified characteristics of “Indigenous Peoples”

**Institutions Offering Teacher Preparation Programs:** Means accredited Alberta institutions offering a teacher preparation program that the Association recognizes. The Association currently recognizes Ambrose University, Campus Saint-Jean, Concordia University of Edmonton, King’s University, Mount Royal University, St Mary’s University, University of Alberta, University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge.

**Local:** Means a local association of The Alberta Teachers’ Association.

**Parent:** Means a child’s caretaker, whether biological parent, adoptive parent or guardian.

**School Authorities:** Means all public, separate and francophone school boards in Alberta. Unless otherwise stated, private and charter schools are not included.

**The Association:** Means The Alberta Teachers’ Association.