ATA 2027
PEC Election

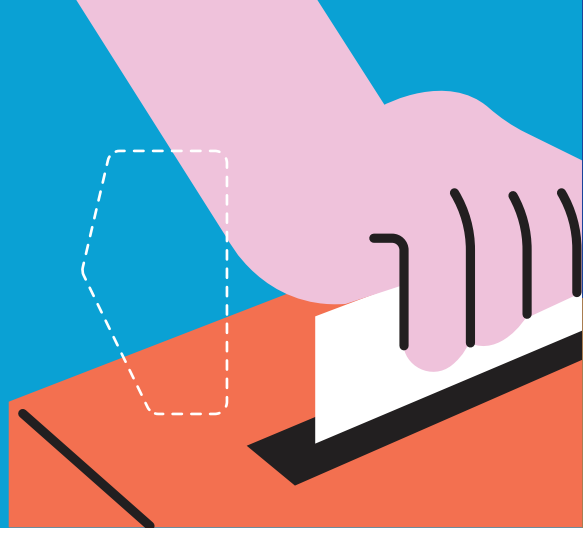
Primer

Information for School Representatives and Subgroup Members

The Alberta
Teachers' Association

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You are key to PEC election communications.



The Alberta Teachers' Association is the voice of the teaching profession in our province, and our voice is made stronger by our members.

In your role with the ATA, you may be asked questions about the 2027 PEC election. To help you answer them, we have developed this primer.

Whether you are involved with ATA locals, committees, councils or teachers' convention associations, this information will help you to help us keep ATA members on top of all things election—from the nomination call to the announcement of the election results.

GET READY

Just as we want candidates to be ready for the 2027 PEC election, we want the same for you.

Answers to many of the questions you will be asked can be found in the special election section on the ATA website. Here are the top three questions you may be asked:

What is PEC?

Provincial Executive Council (PEC) is the 20-member executive committee responsible for directing the business of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Its membership consists of the ATA president, two vice-presidents, the past president, 15 district representatives and the executive secretary.

What is a PEC election?

With the exception of the past president and executive secretary, members of PEC are elected.

As per its general bylaws, the ATA opens nominations every two years and conducts an election to fill PEC's president, vice-president and district representative positions.

Why is PEC important?

PEC is important because teachers are important.

The Alberta Teachers' Association is the professional organization and legal bargaining agent of teachers employed by Alberta's public, separate and francophone school boards. It represents its members on matters affecting teachers and the teaching profession.

Members of PEC present to the ATA the issues and perspectives of teachers from across the province. They bring your voice to the ATA to make it heard by the provincial government and other education stakeholders at provincial, national and even international levels.

SHARE AND SHARE A LIKE

As teachers, you are naturals at sharing knowledge, so we are asking you to help us out.

Here are some great sources of information you can share with potential candidates and voters.

ATA Website (www.teachers.ab.ca)

The ATA website has a special 2027 PEC election



section providing 24/7 access to the detailed election information they need—whether they are aspiring candidates or voters.

ATA News

The *ATA News* is published in print, online and digital formats every three weeks during the school year. Watch for election articles, notices and announcements.

Social Media

Following ATA social media accounts is a great way to get key information and quick updates on the 2027 PEC election. It also makes it easy for you to share that content with your colleagues.

So, come on—follow us, bring your friends and don't forget to share!

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Teachers' Convention

The ATA reserves a space at convention venues in districts where candidates are in contested races. Find our PEC election signage and you'll find your candidates.

Candidate Forums

Election forums will be arranged. More information will be made available to ATA subgroups once candidates are confirmed.

CONTACT OUR ELECTIONS TEAM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2027 PEC ELECTION.

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2027 PEC Election Schedule

OCTOBER 19

Nomination Call

The ATA opens nominations for elected PEC positions. This call for nominations is made through a school mailing to school representatives, the ATA website, the *ATA News* and the ATA's social media channels. Members interested in running in the 2027 PEC election will find all the information and the candidate declaration form on the ATA website.

JANUARY 13

Nomination Deadline

The nomination deadline is the date by which all prospective candidates must submit their completed nomination forms to the ATA.

Only nomination forms received by the nomination deadline will be accepted, so it is important prospective candidates review the *Candidates' Handbook* and ensure they are prepared to meet all requirements.

FEBRUARY 8–12

Special PEC Election School Mailing

The ATA will send a special mailing containing only election materials to schools in February. A poster promoting the voting period of the election and candidate campaign materials will be included.

Also included will be voting instructions for school representatives to distribute to each teacher on their school staff.

MARCH 15–18

Voting

Voting is open 24/7 starting at 8 AM on March 15 and ending at 5 PM on March 18.

MARCH 19

Results Announcement

Election results are posted on the ATA website and social media the day after voting closes. Coverage will also appear in the *ATA News*.

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