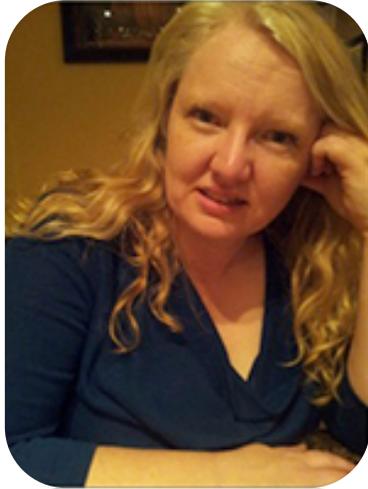


# A Vote for Donnella Perkins IS A Vote for Political Action



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As the Political Action Committee Chair **I will ...**

1. Communicate teachers' concerns to their MLA Candidates.
2. Seek support from candidates regarding teaching and learning issues.
3. Continue political action on Mental Health and advocating for wrap around services in schools.

MARCH  
LEADERS



A QUICK LOOK  
AT  
ALBERTA'S POLITICS

Dear Colleague,

I have created this document for your perusal, so that you can compare the different policies of the parties currently active in Alberta Politics.

The information included is what all the parties have declared as their current policy as of March 2018. The UCP's are meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> to declare their official policy. The Alberta Liberals and the Alberta Party are currently working on their Policy, and the NDP have stated that they will be putting forward a new policy in September 2018.

I am hoping this document provides you with the information that will assist you in making informed decisions in the upcoming 2019 election. The next election is not a fait accompli; your vote will affect which party will be running our government. As we move towards the next election, together we can remind all the candidates that their actions and responses to teachers will impact the outcome.

I am running for Political Action Chair to make sure that candidates hear your voice and teachers' concerns. I will continue to update you on the events and policies from the Alberta Legislature as we move towards the upcoming election.

Please share this document with our colleagues.

Sincerely,  
Donnella Perkins  
Calgary Public Teacher  
Political Action Committee Member



## NDP Policy 2015

New Policy available in September 2018

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- (1.1) A job creation tax credit
- (1.2) A careful review of how Alberta will promote resource processing and fair royalties
- (1.3) We'll ensure the benefits of better economic policies are more widely shared, by increasing the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2018
- (1.4) As our province's finances recover, we'll work to actively support economic diversification in other sectors, including alternative energy (including our proposed building retrofit loan fund), high tech, advanced research, knowledge industries, film and television production, small Alberta brewing, wind power, forestry, value-added agriculture, food processing and tourism.
- (1.5) And we will strengthen Alberta's rural communities by ensuring better access to transportation, doctors, schools, long term care, post-secondary learning, and other essential services.

## NDP Education Policy 2015

- Provide stable, predictable funding to school boards, colleges, universities and technical institutes that will support Alberta's growing population and the need for quality education in a modern economy.
- Invest to reduce class sizes and deal with growing enrollment in the K-12 system.
- Reduce school fees for essential services such as lunch supervision and bussing.
- Will ensure schools have the people and resources they need to respond to the increasing complexity of Alberta's classrooms.
- Invest to build the new schools that are needed to lower class sizes, to improve learning conditions for all Alberta kids and to end the chaos created by the PCs continual delays in building those new schools.
- Phase in all-day kindergarten as Alberta's finances permit and school construction progresses, beginning with priority neighbourhoods.
- Get the politics out of school construction, ensuring that school construction and renovation decisions are based on need. We'll end the PCs' political manipulations of those decisions with public, transparent project priority

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2018

[HTTPS://WWW.ALBERTA.CA/RELEASE.CFM?XID=54631166EA988-C3F9-57E9-3B2DCF374F933C01](https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?XID=54631166EA988-C3F9-57E9-3B2DCF374F933C01)

### Diversifying the energy sector

- Investing \$1 billion for partial upgrading over eight years beginning in 2019-20, through tools such as loan guarantees and grants, to attract up to \$5 billion in private investment, improve pipeline capacity and add value to Alberta energy products while creating thousands of new jobs.
- Generating up to \$6 billion in private investment for natural gas processing through \$500 million in royalty credits beginning in 2020-21 for a second phase of the extremely successful Petrochemicals Diversification Program.
- Encouraging construction of new extraction facilities with \$500 million in loan guarantees and grants for a Program.

### Diversification across our economy

- Extending the Capital Investment Tax Credit, which already supports more than \$1 billion in private-sector capital projects, and the Alberta Investor Tax Credit.
- Launching a \$20-million new Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit to attract and retain more tech entrepreneurs.
- Funding 3,000 new post-secondary technology spaces over the next five years and new scholarships to support technology and other emerging sectors like life sciences, clean technology and health innovation.

### Protecting vital public services

- Continuing capital investment in health facilities, including the Calgary Cancer Centre and the new Edmonton hospital.
- Supporting the shift to better community-based care by funding hundreds of new continuing care beds.
- Education spending is rising to \$8.4 billion from \$7.8 billion as the province continues to fund growing enrolment while reducing school fees.
- Extending the post-secondary tuition freeze for the fourth year.
- Creating 4,500 additional affordable child-care spaces through the Early Learning and Child Care Centre Program.
- Reviewing the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program to ensure it provides the right supports.

### Returning to balance

- Reaching practical agreements with labour unions to control costs.
- Continuing the salary freeze on non-union public-sector employees.
- Cutting salaries and eliminating bonuses for some of the highest paid executives of Alberta's agencies, boards and commissions.
- Keeping the size of the Alberta Public Service flat.
- Keeping health spending growth below population growth plus inflation.
- Dissolving and amalgamating government agencies, boards and commissions.
- Tightly managing discretionary spending across government in areas such as travel, conferences and hospitality.

UCP



## UCP Draft Policy From Constitution

Official Policy Available May 4, 2018

### General Policy Draft

- Senator-in-waiting elections
- Public sector pension reform
- Flat tax; No small business tax
- Repeal carbon tax
- Balance budget
- Optional students' associations in PSE
- Achieve GHG objectives without Carbon Tax
- Allow for privately-delivered health services
- Remove ability for municipalities to run deficits
- Eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers
- Repeal Bill 6

### UCP Draft Education Policy

- Extending school choice to every student across the province
- Transparency and accountability regarding student performance
- Making schools inclusive communities
- Equal per-student funding
- Devolve decision making to individual schools, rather than boards
  - Governance and curriculum flexibility 5 enjoyed by charters

# ALBERTA PARTY



## Alberta Party Values

From [http://www.albertaparty.ca/important\\_documents](http://www.albertaparty.ca/important_documents)

(b) The values underlying all of the Party's policies and procedures are as follows:

- i. Prosperity: We believe that private enterprise and entrepreneurship are the keys to our economic success. The government should foster an environment that facilitates economic investment, reduces red tape and encourages creativity.
- ii. Fiscal Responsibility: We believe that government must use public dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible. The government should balance the books and set aside money for a rainy day. This is best accomplished through long-term planning, common sense and transparency.
- iii. Social Responsibility: We believe every Albertan deserves the opportunity to succeed. Our government should aspire to provide excellent and innovative public education, public healthcare, and infrastructure as well as a compassionate helping hand in times of need. We believe this can be accomplished through responsible use of public funds.
- iv. Sustainability: We believe that sustainability must be a core value of government. Rethinking unsustainable practices, making strategic investments in research and technology, and implementing smart policy choices will protect and enhance our environment in future generations.
- v. Democracy: We believe that public business should be conducted in public. Government should ensure that the legislative process is open, fair, transparent and inclusive of the people it governs. Our government should foster debate, actively engage citizens, and make itself accountable to the people it governs.
- vi. Quality of Life: 4 Constitution of the Alberta Party Political Association. Last revised at the November 18, 2017 Annual General Meeting We believe that a great quality of life requires strong communities. Through support of recreation, sports, arts and culture, government can help to build strong and vibrant communities.

# ALBERTA LIBERALS



## Policy From 2016

Alberta Liberals are currently working on Policy

## Liberal Education Policy

### Smart Ideas on Education

#### Community Asset Spaces

##### The Alberta Liberal Party

- supports the building of flex spaces in new school developments that can be used to meet the greater needs of their community, as required.
- supports retrofitting older schools where possible to serve as flex spaces to meet the greater needs of their community.

#### Financial Literacy

##### The Alberta Liberal Party

- supports efforts to improve and expand financial literacy;
- embraces a multilateral approach that involves all stakeholders, including, but not limited to, all levels of government, business, the financial sector, educators, and unions;
- resolved financial literacy curriculum be mandatory in high school curriculum;
- resolved learning resources be provided to adults as well, specifically
- targeted for people experiencing "teachable moments": at periods in their life when they are most receptive to financial education, such as buying a first home or entering a pension plan;
- would look to the findings of the federal government's Financial Literacy Task Force in implementing their strategy.

#### Ensuring Value and Accountability in Higher Education

##### The Alberta Liberal Party

- will investigate the spending distribution of tuition and educational grant money at institutes of higher education, to ensure that sufficient funding is entering classrooms, student labs, and other programs which directly contribute to student learning and success;
- will cap and enforce the percentage of tuition and educational grant dollars that can be used for non-educational purposes such as marketing