

Office of the Minister MLA, Calgary Bow

## Dear parents,

As the glorious Christmas season approaches, I want to wish you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed time. This is a special season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the event that serves as a cornerstone of faith and brings the world a message of hope, peace, and love. It is a time to reflect on this profound gift and look forward with faith and optimism to the year ahead.

I know the first part of this school year asked a lot of families, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for the commitment and care you devote to your children's education and well-being. Your dedication to nurturing the next generation reflects the spirit of service and charity that the Incarnation of Christ inspires in us all. The support you give to your children makes a tremendous difference in their success and well-being.

Looking forward, our government remains committed to working closely with education partners to strengthen classrooms and create the best possible learning environments. We are investing in what matters most, funding to hire more teachers and education assistants, and building new schools to meet the needs of Alberta's growing communities. These efforts reflect our shared goal of ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed, driven by the belief that every child is valuable, a truth central to the message brought forth by the nativity.

As we celebrate Christmas and commemorate the birth of Christ, may the powerful message of hope and goodwill inspire us to lead lives of purpose and compassion, forging a brighter future for all in the coming year.

Warm regards,

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Minister of Education and Childcare