

# Bill 55: College of Alberta School Superintendents Act

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## About the Act

Alberta's Government has introduced the College of Alberta School Superintendents Act, 2021, to make the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) into a legislated organization that will strengthen the kindergarten to grade 12 education system.

Establishing CASS as a regulatory organization will build upon an already excellent education system with extremely professional leaders.

This Act will apply to superintendents, chief deputy superintendents, and other eligible teacher leaders employed in central office positions, in school jurisdictions across Alberta.

This legislation builds upon government's Professional Practice Standards for superintendents and other system leaders.

## Governance

Under the proposed Act, CASS will establish two categories of membership: regulated and non-regulated (optional). These different membership categories would have the right to vote and hold office within CASS. All members would be required to pay fees.

A Board of Directors would carry out the business of CASS. The board could include regulated and non-regulated members of CASS, as well as public

members appointed by the Minister of Education, after consultation with CASS.

## Leadership Excellence

CASS would be responsible for ensuring its regulated members are skilled and competent in their professional practice and would also be responsible for offering professional development to its regulated members and set learning requirements.

Regulated members must meet continuing education requirements, and CASS would support these members in meeting Alberta Education's *Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard* or the *Leadership Quality Standard*.

CASS will also oversee the professional discipline of its regulated members.

## Accountability

CASS will also be required to table an annual report in the Legislature. Submission of an annual report to the legislature for professional organizations aligns with general principles of good governance and transparency.

Since CASS is established under an Act of the Legislature, annual reporting ensures that appropriate oversight.

In addition, the College will be required to hold an annual general meeting.

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