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## **Transformed education an investment in future: Hancock**

### ***OECD ministers meet to reinforce economic benefits of education***

*Edmonton...* Investing in education and human development as a strategy for economic recovery is the focus of Alberta Education Minister Dave Hancock's two-day mission to the Organization for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD) in Paris, Nov. 4 and 5.

"Education is our biggest investment in our children," said Hancock. "That means it is our biggest investment in the future of our country.

"The world is changing and we must change with it," he said. "In Alberta, we are investing a great deal of time and energy in transforming our education system to ensure that every child is prepared for the world into which he or she will graduate. This work is absolutely necessary to creating the best possible 21st century education system for Alberta."

The OECD Education Policy Forum offers education ministers from around the world opportunity to discuss how best to balance budget pressures with long-term renewal of their education system.

"Our participation at this meeting presents a great opportunity to learn from the experiences of other jurisdictions, advance a Canadian perspective and to influence the international dialogue on education," said Hancock.

Delegates will share their experiences in responding to multiple challenges including new fiscal realities, changing demands for education and training and the need to improve learning outcomes at all levels.

Hancock's agenda includes sessions on:

- Tackling the effects of the global economic crisis;
- Matching student learning to emerging needs;
- Training effective teachers for the 21st century; and
- Considering the social impact of education.

Keray Henke, Alberta's Deputy Minister of Education, is chairman of the OECD's Education Policy Committee.

The estimated travel cost for Hancock and his executive assistant is approximately \$14,100,

which will be reimbursed by the federal government.

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**Backgrounder:** Minister's Itinerary attached

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## Hancock attends OECD Education Policy Forum in Paris

Date	Event
Tuesday, November 2	Travel to Paris
Wednesday, November 3	Arrives in Paris
Thursday, November 4	Attends OECD Education Policy Forum
Friday, November 5	Attends OECD Education Policy Forum
Saturday, November 6	Personal time
Sunday, November 7	Personal time
Monday, November 8	Travel to Edmonton

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