

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO TEACHERS

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The strength of Alberta's education system is in the talent, skill and dedication of our teachers. Every day, you work to help students learn, grow and succeed. In 1997, Alberta was the first province to create a professional practice standard for teachers linked to certification, and today we are updating that standard to reflect the realities of today's schools and the future direction of our education system.

Alberta Education, in collaboration with education stakeholders, has revised the *Teaching Quality Standard* and created a new *Leadership Quality Standard* for principals and school jurisdiction leaders, as well as a new *Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard* for superintendents. These standards will come into effect on **September 1, 2019**.

To assist with the transition to the revised and new standards, resources and supports will be provided to all teachers, principals, school jurisdiction leaders and superintendents. Further information, as well as supports for all education professionals, will be available on the Alberta Education website in the coming weeks at [education.alberta.ca/standards](http://education.alberta.ca/standards). You may also receive more information about the new standards from your school authority and professional association.

I greatly value all of the work you do to ensure the success of students in your classroom and school. The excellence of our education system is founded on your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

David Eggen  
Minister

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