

December 16, 2015

Hon. David Eggen
Minister of Education, Minister of Culture and Tourism
228 Legislature Building
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Minister Eggen:

The Alberta Chamber of Commerce would like to express our appreciation that Deputy Ministers Lorna Rosen and Carolyn Campbell attended our annual Deputy Minister's Dinner on November 24. Guests and our members, community chambers from around the province, heard a clear and important message that evening: the Province is looking to partner with the business community to make Alberta a better place to live and work.

In the interest of developing that partnership, we want to meet with you to discuss the opportunities for business relating to the education system and the future of arts and cultural industries in the province. With the conclusion of *Inspiring Education*, our members would like to better understand the roles and opportunities for business to support the development of workforce relevant skills through Alberta's Curriculum Redesign. Also, many of our federation's members operate within the arts and culture industry and would also like to be better informed of the opportunities associated with the prominence these sectors will play in the Province's economic diversification initiatives going forward.


Our federation, representing 24 000 businesses through 128 local chambers in the province, sees a number of specific opportunities respective to each of these portfolios. Policies outlining these opportunities have been attached for your consideration.

If your schedule would allow for us to meet, Ken Kobly, our President and CEO, may be reached on his cell phone at 780.975.1659 or by email at kkobly@abchamber.ca. We look forward to hearing from you soon and working together to support the sustainable prosperity of Alberta's future generations and growth of the province's reputation as a global destination of choice for travelers.

Sincerely,



Carman R. McNary, Q.C.
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA
President and CEO

CC: Deputy Minister Lorna Rosen, Education
Deputy Minister Carolyn Campbell, Culture and Tourism