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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Office of the Minister

MLA, Calgary-Hays

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Dear Chief Elected Officials:

As you know, my colleague, the Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled *Budget 2025* in the Alberta Legislature on February 27. I am writing to share further information regarding *Budget 2025* as related to education property tax (EPT).

Budget 2025 takes an important step toward stabilizing operational funding for education systems across Alberta. Historically, approximately one-third of operational funding for Alberta Education came from the EPT municipalities collect from their rate payers on behalf of the province. In recent years, the proportion that EPT contributes to funding the operations of Alberta Education has decreased to less than 30 per cent. Through *Budget 2025*, the Government of Alberta is increasing the proportion of Alberta Education's operating budget covered by EPT to 31.6 per cent in 2025/2026 and back to 33 per cent in 2026/2027.

To provide Alberta's public education system with a stable and sustainable source of funding and meet the demands of increased student enrollment, EPT revenue will increase by 14 per cent from last year, to a total of \$3.1 billion. This increase will be reflected on the property tax bills that municipalities send to property owners in 2025.

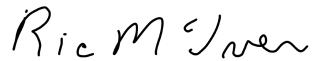
The Ministry of Municipal Affairs sent EPT requisitions to all municipal administrations, informing them of their share of the provincial EPT. For more information on EPT, including a fact sheet (Attachment 1) and the EPT Requisition Comparison Report (Attachment 2), please visit www.alberta.ca/property-tax and click on "Education property tax."

Municipalities across Alberta can inform residents that a portion of their property taxes goes directly to the provincial government to help pay for the operations of Alberta's education system. Many municipalities do this by adding a note to their property tax bills sent through the mail.

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Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge of the cost of living by helping families keep more money in their pockets with lower personal income taxes and continuing investments in education and health care. I look forward to working together over the next year as we build strong and vibrant communities that make Alberta the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric McIver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ric McIver
Minister

Attachments:

1. Education Property Tax Fact Sheet (2025)
2. Education Property Tax Comparison Report (2025)