

Orville Chubb – Ward C – Edmonton Public School District

1. What specific steps would you advocate to improve the quality of education?

Responsible financial management to ensure that all resources possible end up in the classroom. Creative solutions to challenges. By looking at the challenges currently facing education in a new way we can find opportunities and resources that have not been explored yet. Focused on preparing children for their future. Beyond learning, public education needs to fulfil its role of building the citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Building relationships with staff, stakeholders and the community. Let's build on the things we have in common to address areas where we differ.

2. What are the main directions we need to take to develop the full potential of all students?

Unsure that the leadership of EPSB provides the kind of supportive environment where staff and administration can focus on instructing children. Not all children and families are the same therefore the strong tradition of alternative programs at EPSB needs to continue to be supported and grow when and where demand can be demonstrated.

3. Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree or have no opinion on the following statements

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
Schools currently have enough specialized staff and resources to develop the full potential of all students.					X
Increased class sizes will hurt the high school completion rate.		X			
The board should provide support for community schools rather than expanding alternative programs.	X				
The school board should make sure that students with special needs should be provided additional supports.					X
School boards should work with the provincial government to assure access to early childhood education and quality before and after school care programs.				X	
School boards should advocate for the Alberta government to fully fund junior kindergarten and full-day kindergarten as recommended by the Alberta Commission on Learning.				X	
School boards should advocate for the Learning Commission recommendation on class sizes at all grade				X	

levels.

School boards should advocate for renewed emphasis on the arts, trades and language learning in their schools.

X

School boards should advocate for appropriate programs and supports for ESL students.

X

Please comment on any of the above statements: I have disagreed with most of the 'advocate' questions because I believe it is up to the school board to arts - ESL to students. Also I don't believe boards should define their roles as advocates. Boards need to focus on implementation and delivering results and let the advocates advocate.

1. What are the most important changes that need to be made regarding the role of school boards in Alberta?

Less advocating and better leadership. Leaders talk about solutions followers talk about problems.

2. How can the school board and you as trustee most effectively influence the financial and policy decisions made by the provincial ministry of education?

By doing an excellent job with the resources boards are given and demonstrating success with those resource.

3. Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree or have no opinion on the following statements

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
A trustee must be a team player and always defend the decisions of the board, even if the trustee disagrees with those decisions.				X	
All business of the board should be dealt with in open public sessions except when the board is required to protect the privacy of employees or students.				X	
Trustees should actively consult with constituents and school councils on important policy matters.				X	
At times, school boards need to take more active public stands on education issues, even if it means being critical of the provincial government.				X	
The provincial government has seriously undermined the power and authority of trustees and school boards.			X		

Please comment on any of the above statements: I am not aware of any specific circumstance recently where a board has been undermined by the province.

1. In light of the current funding situation, what strategies should the board use to meet the needs of students and the community?

Review all variable expenditures to see where costs can be better managed.

2. What changes respecting the funding of education would you advocate for?

I would advocate for more creative ways to fund the building of schools. Through agreements with developers, using P3's and seeking partnerships with other government departments to share infrastructure and operating costs.

3. Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree or have no opinion on the following statements

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No opinion
Education is adequately funded. School boards can live within their means by "cutting fat".			X		
If a school board cannot balance its budget without harmful cuts to education programs, it should be prepared to run a deficit.		X			
Provincial funding for building and maintaining schools is adequate.		X			
Provincial funding should be sufficient to cover increases to teacher and staff contracts.				X	

Please comment on any of the above statements: I would say that prior to the current funding cuts, education was adequately. After the cuts I would need to hear more from administration on if that is still the case. However, when it comes to funding the maintenance and construction of new schools that is quite different. New funding models need to be fully explored as maintenance deficit will exceed 1 Billion by the time this years Kindergarten class graduates from high school.

1. Should the provincial government continue to use Public Private Partnerships (P3s) for building new schools, what guidelines would you propose be placed on P3 contracts?

Yes. Contract must ensure that student safety is paramount. Unlike other building maintenance standards, schools have their own and unique maintenance requirements when it comes to student safety.

2. What limitations, if any, should the school board place on the involvement of private firms in schools?

Student safety is always at the top of the list. So outside firms need to demonstrate an adequate training and screening program to ensure as safe a learning environment as possible.

3. Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree or have no opinion on the following statements

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No opinion
Private sector businesses can operate schools more cheaply and efficiently and should be allowed to do so.				X	
The financing, construction and maintenance of a school should be undertaken as a public private partnership.				X	
Parents should be expected to contribute towards the cost of their children's education by paying school fees and fundraising.				X	
School boards should ban commercial advertising in schools.		X			
Students should be provided with all necessary books and learning materials at no cost.		X			
The public interest is best served by schools that are publicly owned and operated.		X			
To address funding shortfalls, schools should be allowed to have corporate sponsors, including naming rights.				X	

Please comment on any of the above statements: I have no strong bias on any of these questions and if elected make my decision based on the facts at hand at the time.

1. What reasons, if any, might you vote for the closure of a school?

No Response

2. Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree or have no opinion on the following statements

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No opinion
Additional government funding should be provided to address the infrastructure deficit.				X	
Community schools with small enrolments should be closed so that larger schools can offer more programs.		X			

The school board should work with the province to provide wrap around services in schools.		X
Some schools should be closed so that the province will build new schools in new neighbourhoods.	X	
Schools are a part of the community and should be open to other community activities.		X
Boards should advocate for changing the province's school utilization formula to account for space used in after school care and other community uses.		X

Please comment on any of the above statements: