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# Parent Payment Portal Open

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that the Ministry of Education and Child Care has announced the official launch of the financial assistance application portal for families affected by the ongoing labour dispute. This program aims to help offset additional costs you may incur while your children are not in class.

Below, you will find the full message from Minister Demetrios Nicolaides, which outlines the program details, eligibility criteria, and application process.

**Important:** When submitting your application, you will need to provide your child's Alberta Student Number (ASN). You find the ASN in the <u>EDSEMBI FAMILY PORTAL</u>. If you need help locating it, please contact your child's school — our team will be happy to assist you.

We encourage you to review the information below and submit your application if you are eligible. This support is available to all families, regardless of income.

Thank you for your resilience and commitment to your children's education during this exceptional time.

Kind regards,

# **Denis Fontaine**

Superintendent of Schools

# Message from Minister of Education and Childcare, Demetrios Nicolaides, ECA PhD

# **Parent Payment**

To help ease the extra costs families may face while children are home during labour disruption, parents and guardians of students aged 12 and under who attend a public, separate or francophone school affected by the disruption may be eligible for the payment.

The parent payment will provide:

\$30 per child per instructional day for children aged 12 years and under.

Payments will be retroactive to October 6, 2025, and will continue for the duration of the labour disruption. Disbursements will be issued monthly via e-transfer, commencing October 31, 2025.

# **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be a parent or guardian of a child aged 12 or under who is enrolled in a public, separate or francophone school; and
- Both the parent or guardian and the child must be Alberta residents; and
- Only one parent or guardian per child may apply.
- Information from the student's records in PASI will be used to validate the student's eligibility for the program.





# Children with disabilities:

In addition to the parent payment, further support is available through the parent payment portal for families of children aged 5 to 17 with active Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) agreements who are affected by labour action.

- \$30 per child per instructional day for children aged 12 years and under.
- \$60 per child per instructional day for children aged 13 years and older.

Families will need to provide their <u>FSCD</u> file ID number when they apply for this additional support through the parent payment portal. The number can be found on the FSCD agreement.

### **Accessing the Portal:**

- Parents or guardians can access the parent payment application through <a href="https://parentpayment.alberta.ca">https://parentpayment.alberta.ca</a>.
- Applicants must log in using a verified <u>Alberta.ca account</u>. If an account does not exist, one must be created and verified. A link to set up the Alberta.ca account can be accessed from the application screen.

#### **Additional Information:**

- Payments are non-taxable and do not require repayment.
- The benefit is available regardless of household income.

Please note that as part of the application process, parents or guardians are required to provide their child's ASN (Alberta Student Number). Families may contact your school authorities if they have difficulty locating their child's ASN.