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Post-Secondary Education:
Alberta's Future, Our Present

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Alberta Students' Executive Council [ASEC] is a provincial advocacy organization that brings together over 120,000 Alberta students from 12 post-secondary institutions across the province. Our membership reflects a diverse base of learners in Alberta representing four of the six sectors of Campus Alberta. Our goal is to work with the Alberta Government and other stakeholders to ensure that the public post-secondary sector in Alberta is robust in its quality, accessibility, and affordability.

Alberta is in a period of reflection, with a growing public dialogue on our collective priorities. Health care, sustainability, natural resources, and international competitiveness are all piquing the interest of Albertans. It is important to note, though, that none of the issues and challenges associated with these priorities are solve-able without strong and sustainable investment in post-secondary education.

Post-Secondary Education: Alberta's Future, Our Present is a summary of issues and ideas brought forward by the students we represent. They can be sorted in 4 main categories:

- **Student-Community Partnerships**
- **Tuition and Non-Academic Fee Regulation**
- **Institutional Funding**
- **Arts and Culture Funding**

These are certainly not the only priorities for Alberta's students. However, ASEC believes that action in these areas will position our province to reach its potential; it will help Alberta develop a more competitive, sustainable economy, and also encourage entrepreneurial and novel approaches to some of these daunting issues.

There is considerable research demonstrating the benefits of having a more educated population, some going as far as explaining that for every dollar invested into post-secondary, three are generated in return. Without this return on investment, every other industry would falter.

Yours sincerely,



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