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## **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM ON HOLD**

The School Performance Incentive Program, announced in Budget 99, has been put on hold by Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning.

"We need to rethink the program," Dr. Oberg said. "While I appreciate the concept, I feel there is a need to work with the various stakeholders to review the program to make sure it meets the intent, which was to improve student learning and to reward improved performance by school boards."

Dr. Oberg said consultation with groups like the Alberta School Boards Association, the Alberta Teachers Association, Alberta Home and School Councils Association, the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta would begin almost immediately.

"I think it is imperative we get together to design a program that meets the needs of all educational partners, which in turn will benefit the students," added Dr. Oberg. "The goal is to continue to improve quality education for our students."

The Minister of Learning made the announcement during a speech to the ASBA in Red Deer on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Oberg will be available to the media outside his office, room 227, Legislative Building at 3:30 p.m.

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