

**Date:** October 25, 2023 **Agenda Item:** 7.2

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Originator(s):** Shawna Warren, Superintendent  
Jolene Senych, Teacher, Sturgeon Public Virtual Academy  
Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

**Governance Policy:** [Policy 905: Awards and Recognition Policy](#)

**Additional Reference:** [Alberta School Boards Association's \(ASBA\) inaugural Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award](#)

**Assurance Domain:** Student Growth & Achievement  
Local & Societal

**Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)**

SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):  
Building Effective Relationships  
Visionary Leadership  
Supporting Effective Governance

**Subject:** **2023 ASBA Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award**

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**Purpose:**

For information.

**Background:**

The Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) inaugural Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award Ceremony, held on September 25, 2023, was a resounding success as it celebrated the remarkable achievements of nine outstanding students from across the province who embody the values of determination, initiative and independence. Among the distinguished recipients was Sturgeon Public student, Ty Balkwill, whose unwavering commitment to personal growth and academic excellence earned him this prestigious honour. Ty's nomination letter, thoughtfully submitted by his teacher, Jolene Senych, provided a glowing testament to his dedication and accomplishments.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta and the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, who delivered welcoming remarks. The event was further enriched by the attendance of key figures from the education community, including ASBA's Board of Directors, Board Chairs and Superintendents of the recipients' respective school divisions. Board Chair Irene Gibbons and Superintendent Shawna Warren were among the attendees.

“I am delighted to recognize nine outstanding students who have, through their determination, initiative and resilience, found improved success both academically and personally. Their hard work encourages us all to give our best to whatever challenges we face, and to enjoy every opportunity to learn new things so that we may learn and grow.”

[Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta](#)

The award is divided into three regions (north, central and south) and three grades within each (Grade 6, Grade 9 and Grade 11); nine recipients in total received the award. Each of the recipients, including Ty Balkwill, received a well-deserved medal, certificate and a congratulatory letter from ASBA’s President, in addition to an honorarium courtesy of SB LLP.

Photos of the event can be found on ASBA’s website at <https://www.asba.ab.ca/news/>.

Congratulations to Ty Balkwill!

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the October 25, 2023, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

1. [News Release - Nine students receive inaugural Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award from Alberta School Boards Association](#)