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Public Statement

The Alberta Debate and Speech Association (ADSA) is a nonprofit, charitable organization, founded in 1974 by a group of educators who believed in providing quality education to all Alberta students.

We recognize the individual and collective sacrifice public, Catholic, and Francophone school system teachers make, and have made, to further the mission of the Alberta Debate and Speech Association, to develop youth in the areas of critical thinking, research, analytical thought, public speaking, teamwork, leadership and creativity.

ADSA can only support a season in which students and teachers from all school systems can participate. We recognize that the commitment of educators is critical to the future of Alberta.

Therefore,

In the event of an ATA strike, a lockdown by the provincial government, or a work-to-rule period, the Alberta Debate and Speech Association will not sponsor or sanction any speech or debate tournaments, qualifiers, workshops and selection processes, until the end of such strike, lockdown, or work-to-rule period. No individual or institutional members will be permitted to use any ADSA resources (Zoom, Tabbycat, calendar, mailing list, etc.) or receive any other ADSA support during this period.

We look forward to resuming our regular activities after the provincial government and Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) have come to an agreement.

Please direct all questions and concerns to your MLA, the details for whom can be found at: <https://www.assembly.ab.ca/members/members-of-the-legislative-assembly>.

With sincerity,

The Alberta Debate and Speech Association Board of Directors and Staff