

**Footprints for Learning Academy**

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**Subject: Request for Support: Footprints for Learning Academy's Charter School Application**

Dear Community Stakeholder's Name,

We hope this letter finds you well. As Board Members of Footprints for Learning Academy (FFLA), we are reaching out to you to seek your valuable support for our application to transition from an Independent School Authority to an Alberta Charter School.

The journey of Footprints for Learning Academy began in the 2011/12 academic year with one Kindergarten class of 19 students. Over the past 12 years, we have grown and evolved, currently accommodating 480 students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. In the 2023/24 school year, we proudly stand as an Accredited Private Elementary School under the umbrella of Alberta Education.

From our inception, FFLA has embraced Entrepreneurship, Spanish, and Citizenship as unique complements to the Alberta curriculum. As we continue to sustain and evolve our Entrepreneurship programming, complemented by Spanish and Citizenship courses, we have also added Global Awareness programming to further enrich our original mandate.

We believe that our structure, in its current and evolving context, offers a distinctive set of learning designs and opportunities for consideration and development by educators across Alberta. FFLA employs evidence-based teaching methods and initiatives, integrating mandated instructional programs from Alberta Education to provide authentic and holistic education from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Our designs aim to maintain purpose-driven programming that fosters competencies transferring from wellness to academic achievement and athletic participation on an individual basis.

Our Mission at Footprints for Learning Academy is to provide students with an authentic learning journey fostering academic achievement, learner competencies, and a global mindset within an entrepreneurship framework. Through entrepreneurial knowledge and skills, we

empower students to become responsible and responsive global citizens contributing value to our society.

Our Vision is to create an educational institution that embraces learning pathways with authentic applications and solution-based programs, empowering students to be resilient, adaptive, innovative, and globally aware in their explorations.

The FFLA Philosophy is built on Five Elements: to empower purpose-driven learning, structure an entrepreneurial focus, provide authentic learning experiences, foster a global perspective, and embrace a holistic approach.

In this context, we provide issue-based project learning built on elements of Global Awareness, aiming to develop responsible and responsive citizens. Our entrepreneurship focus is grounded in the belief, supported by research (OECD, 2015), that each student possesses the capacity to construct authentic products and/or services, bringing further quality to a target context.

To learn more, we invite you to explore more about us on our website at [www.footprintsforlearningacademy.com](http://www.footprintsforlearningacademy.com). Additionally, should you wish to learn more, we extend an invitation for your attendance at our upcoming Information Night at Footprints for Learning Academy, on November 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. At that time we will provide a comprehensive overview of our proposal, including learning design, research and data-driven processes, and continuous quality improvement.

As we aspire to remain an integral part of the local Airdrie community and, more broadly, become a dynamic learning community that shares proven practices with other schools in the province under Charter Status, we seek your support. If you are in agreement with our transition to a Charter School Authority, we kindly request that you forward a Letter of Support to our FFLA Board, contributing to our application package.

For any queries or further information, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Bancroft at 403-671-3284.

Thank you for considering our request, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LB', is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Laura Bancroft  
Co-Founder and Board Member of Footprints for Learning Academy