

DAVID KING -- A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

David King has served as the Executive Director of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta since February, 1990. The Association is a voluntary membership organization for public school jurisdictions in Alberta. It advocates and acts to strengthen a public school system which is genuinely and completely inclusive and a powerful model of a civil democratic community.

During the time Mr. King has been Executive Director of the Association, well-regarded leadership development programs have been initiated for trustees, system level administrators, and school based leaders. The Public School Boards Council has been created and it has come to be recognized as the primary deliberative assembly for public school boards in the province. The "First Choice" identity program provides one "brand" that connects public schools across the province, regardless of jurisdiction.

Mr. King has experience in merchant banking (with Capwest Capital Services Ltd.), and in social science research (as Research Director for the Edmonton and District Council of Churches). He has also served on the Board of Directors of a number of public and private companies, including L.S.I. Logic Corporation of Canada, Inc., Domglas Canada, Inc., Norwich Trading Corp, and Firstclass Systems, Inc.

Mr. King was a charter member of: Communitas; the Edmonton Citizens for Better Housing Society; the Boyle Street Community Services Cooperative; and, the Boyle-McCauley Health Centre.

From August, 1971 until April, 1986, Mr. King was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. In this time he was Legislative Secretary to then Premier Lougheed, Minister of Education (upon the appointment of Premier Lougheed), and Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications (upon the appointment of Premier Getty). Mr. King served longer as Minister of Education in Alberta than anyone in any province in the past 30 years.

During his seven years in three different Alberta Cabinets, Mr. King served as a member of various Cabinet Committees, including: Social Planning; Economic Planning; Labour Relations; Science; and, Communications Policy. For two years he was the Minister Responsible for the implementation of the Government's Policy on Professions and Occupations.

As Minister of Education, Mr. King was responsible for a number of major initiatives, including the establishment of: Provincial Diploma Examinations (end of grade XII); the educational Management Finance Plan; the computer technology in schools program; the Designated Community Schools program; the teacher internship program; the Council of Alberta Teaching Standards; the last major review of the secondary program of studies; and, elected trusteeship for Northland School Division.

Mr. King is honoured to have had a bursary named after him by the Alberta College of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Born:	June 22 nd , 1946 in Perth, Ontario; to Rev. A.E. and Mrs. Ethel King		
Education:	B.A. (Poli. Sci.), the University of Alberta		
Memberships:	Highlands United Church	Amnesty International	
	Canadian Civil Liberties Association	World Future Society	

David and Clare (nee Piven) have been married since October 19th, 1968. They have three sons (Troy, Jason, and Cory), and six grandchildren, all of whom are in school. Clare is a teacher with a specialization in Early Childhood Services. She has taught E.C.S. and primary grades for more than 35 years; all except two years with the Elk Island R.C. Separate School District.