

# WISDOM SHUTDOWN - STATEMENT

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**WISDOM ALERT**

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**October 25, 2016**



Dear Parents,

WISDOM/Trinity has been shut down by AB Education. They announced this with a press release filled with partial truths amounting to calumny.

You are being told to give notification to another school for this year, but **we are encouraging you not to do anything yet.** Over the next few days the WISDOM Parent Advisory Council will communicate suggestions regarding your options.

Here is a brief overview of the AB Education allegations and our responses.

AB Education has shut down our school. They make untrue claims:

*Trinity Christian School has neglected to adequately supervise home schooling.*

**Response:** WISDOM has been Trinity's home education administration for 21 years. In fact, in 1997 AB Education mandated the establishment of WISDOM Home Schooling Society. Through its WISDOM office, Trinity has administrated home schooling in an exemplary manner.

*Alberta Education will be providing the findings of its review to both Canada Revenue Agency and the RCMP so those agencies can determine whether further investigation is warranted....*

**Response:** There has been a transparent financial audit of Trinity/WISDOM every year, and AB Education has conducted many additional audits. Every income and expense is meticulously recorded and accounted for.

*The review also uncovered that Wisdom – which is not the grant recipient – had retained \$988,000 in unclaimed parent funding over the past three years.*

**Response:** AB Education mandates that unclaimed funding stay with the school. Since WISDOM is Trinity's home education administration,

it is logical that WISDOM retained unspent funds and used them on home education programing.

*Alberta Education also determined that Trinity has not demonstrated sufficient accountability for the supervision of its home-education program or for public funds, including transferring its responsibility for supervision of its home-education program — and accountability for government funding — to Wisdom Home Schooling Society of Alberta.*

**Response:** AB Education has arbitrarily determined that the work of WISDOM is not the work of Trinity. All allegations are based upon this false assumption.

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