

ALBERTA - BRITISH COLUMBIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION ON E-LEARNING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING executed this 26th day of May, 2004.

BETWEEN:

ALBERTA LEARNING

as represented by the Minister of Learning
(hereinafter called "Alberta")

and

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

as represented by the Minister of Education
(hereinafter called "British Columbia")

Whereas British Columbia and Alberta are currently considered leaders in online learning around the world.

Whereas in order to continue in this direction, both Governments realize the value in working together to provide leadership in the global economy.

Whereas interprovincial coordination has the potential to offer considerable cost-savings and operational efficiencies to both Provinces' education systems.

And whereas the Government of Alberta and Government of British Columbia recognize the need to make online learning resources more accessible in both provinces, both parties agree:

1. To the following objectives for this Agreement:

- Improve student learning by sharing and developing a wider range of online content, support, tools and resources to educators, learners and parents in both provinces.
- Improve the quality of online courses by utilizing resources and expertise in the design, development and delivery of online content.
- Enhance the instructional practices related to using technology and online learning.

2. To pursue further negotiations to operationalize this Memorandum of Understanding through a subsequent more detailed agreement on points of collaboration between Alberta Learning and the Ministry of Education. This document does not create any legal rights or obligations. Any and all legal rights and obligations of the parties will be negotiated at a later date through the forthcoming agreement between the two Ministries to operationalize this MOU.
3. Following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Provinces will establish a joint implementation committee to coordinate interjurisdictional online learning activities.
4. That this MOU will be effective as of May 26, 2004 and will be in place until terminated in writing by either party for any reason with 60 days notice.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed this MOU.

Signed:

The Honourable Lyle Oberg
Minister of Learning
Government of Alberta

The Honourable Tom Christensen
Minister of Education
Government of British Columbia