

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

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**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 wide range of online content, support, tools and resources for educators, learners and parents in both provinces.
  - Improve the quality of online courses by sharing resources and expertise in the design, development and delivery of online content.
  - Enhance 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:

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The Honourable Lyle Oberg  
Minister of Learning  
Government of Alberta

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The Honourable Tom Christensen  
Minister of Education  
Government of British Columbia