

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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CORRECTION – Speaker Wanner Brings Alberta's Mace to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

EDMONTON – Each year tens of thousands visit the Alberta Legislature, but for many who live outside the capital region, experiencing the Legislature first-hand can be a challenge.

"Mr. Speaker's Outreach is a unique opportunity to inspire active citizenship in Albertans both near and far by bringing the heart democracy right to their hometowns," said Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. "The Mace is a very important symbol of the Assembly with a specific purpose and a colourful history."

He added, "It is a priority of mine to reach out to Albertans who may have never had the chance to visit the Alberta Legislature and learn about its traditions and symbols."

Beginning April 26, Speaker Wanner will travel to Fort McMurray, Fort McKay and Anzac to talk with residents about active citizenship, parliamentary democracy and the role of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

During his tour of the Wood Buffalo region the Speaker will visit a number of schools in the area including Bill Woodward School, École McTavish Junior High Public School, Fort McKay School, Fort McMurray Composite High School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School.

There will also be opportunities for Fort McMurray residents of all ages to engage in open discussions with the Speaker and see Alberta's Mace up close.

Wednesday, April 26 – 3:30 to 4 p.m.

Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo - 230 Powder Drive

Thursday, April 27 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Words in Motion - MacDonald Island Park, 1 C.A. Knight Way

Mr. Speaker's Outreach has visited a number of communities outside of the capital region including Medicine Hat, Cypress County and Siksika Nation.