

► 2017/2018 Student PATs & DIPs Results

Karen Shipka, Assistant Superintendent-Learning Services, provided a detailed report on the division's 2017/2018 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma (DIPs) results. The Alberta Provincial Achievement Tests are administered yearly at Grade 6 and Grade 9 in June. The Alberta Education Diploma Exams are administered on a semester schedule, January and June, at the Grade 12 level in all academic core subjects. Results are analyzed by both the division and individual schools to identify areas of need to develop school improvement plans. The first of this analysis was completed on the first Professional Learning Day for all staff on Friday, October 19, 2018. Check out our [Facebook page](#) to view some of the action in our schools this day.

Other Notes of Interest

- The board approved funding to support a RCMP School Resource Officer position in Edson for a three-year term as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Edson, Yellowhead County and Living Waters Catholic Schools. The pilot program was initiated by the local RCMP detachment in 2016, and its subsequent success has led to its full-time implementation in the community.
- Trustee Karpluk has been nominated to serve as the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) representative on a new provincial High School Completion External Committee. The Committee is established to deepen understanding of Ministry work supporting students at risk of not completing high school; and connect Ministry work supporting students at risk of not completing high school to work

underway in stakeholder organizations. Trustees also completed an online survey from ASBA about current class sizes in across the province.

- Superintendent Lewis has rescinded her request to attend and present at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in January of 2019.
- The quarterly Transportation Community Consultation Action Plan report was provided to the board with current information on the school bus registration process, student ridership, number of ineligible students transported, waiting lists, and average ride times per zone.
- GYPSD is proud to provide a mentorship program for beginning teachers that includes an identified district mentorship teacher who provides coaching and supports for new teachers, and those new to the district.
- The board discussed the possible financial impacts to dual credit and summer school programs created by the 45 credit cap per year for students in high school. Summer school and alternative learning opportunities such as dual credit allow students to have both flexibility in scheduling as well as enhanced learning opportunities..

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School Bus Safety Week: October 22 -25, 2018