

OUR VISION
Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

OUR MISSION
We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.



Key Messages: April 21, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ The Board received a report from Director of [Inclusive Learning](#), Kim McConnell, describing the wide range of universal, targeted, and specialized supports in place to meet students' diverse learning needs - including the many therapists and consultants who provide wrap-around services for students, for example Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and consultants for students with vision or hearing challenges. The Trustees also heard how the [B.E.S.T.](#) initiative provides universal mental health programming and Family School Liaison Counsellors work to support safe and caring schools.
- ✓ Ongoing preparation for **2021-2022** through [Pre-registration](#) for Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten, and for the development of [CAMPUS GYPSD](#) to provide excellent and personalized distance learning in the new [Hāpara](#) Online Learning platform, [Home Education](#) and specialized options – such as the [Christian Learning](#) program pilot.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged the essential work of administrative professionals throughout GYPSD to support the work of the Division.
- ✓ The Board received a report from Superintendent Lewis on Instructional Rounds and the important work of principals as instructional leaders in their schools.
- ✓ GYPSD partnered with the Saffron Centre in Hinton to lead [Online Safety Learning](#) for Families.
- ✓ **Highlights** from Superintendent Lewis' Report include:
 - Meetings with representatives for Alberta Education, College of Alberta School Superintendents, and the Hinton Friendship Centre;
 - Participation in the 2021 virtual Palisades Indigenous Education Camp;
 - Preparation of the 2021/2022 Division Budget and one-on-one principal meetings;
 - Preparation for Alberta Education's Assurance Report;
 - Meeting with the Superintendent's Youth Council;
 - Policy Committee Meetings;
 - Review of the Draft K-6 Curriculum.

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ✓ [Board Chair Rosadiuk, Vice Chair Zaporosky, Trustees Fate, Karpluk, Aust, Caputo and Fowler](#) are committed to leading advocacy for strong public education, building collaborative relationships and developing solution-focused partnerships to ensure success for GYPSD students and community.
- Highlights** include:
 - ✓ The Board attended a meeting with MLAs Getson and Long on April 9th and met again with MLA Getson on April 20th.
 - ✓ Trustee participation in Public School Board Council meeting and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta ([PSBAA](#)) learning sessions March 29th, April 16th and 19th.
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared correspondence from:
 - Minister LaGrange on the COVID rapid testing pilot
 - The Alberta School Board Association ([ASBA](#)) and [PSBAA](#).
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees approved motions to:
 - Approve the 2021-2022 [Division calendar](#) and approve, in principle, the calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024;
 - Meet with members of the [Superintendent's Youth Council](#) to get student feedback on [Board Policy 20, Health and Wellness](#);
 - Participate in a Governance and Policy Professional Development Session through [ASBA](#);
 - Delegate the Division's curriculum working group to provide [feedback on the Draft K- 6 Curriculum to Alberta Education](#).