

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: May 26, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk praised the Division's students for their commitment to their learning, perseverance, and resiliency over the past 15 months, and offered words of encouragement to students for the final few weeks of classes: "as you wrap up your courses, submit your final assignments and head into final exams, know that we, as your trustees, are very proud of you!"
- ✓ Students throughout the Division are writing year-end assessments in literacy and numeracy. This data will help inform students of their strengths and will be used by teachers in the fall to determine specific target areas for added supports.
- ✓ Student representative's from the Superintendent's Youth Council met with Trustees to discuss the Board's commitment to Health and Wellness. Students shared the in-school supports they access and the events schools host to promote resiliency, and create safe and caring schools, like Random Acts of Kindness, Pink Shirt Day, and Mental Health Awareness.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ The Board received a presentation from Emily Stanton, ATA Evergreen Local's treasurer, on behalf of the Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee. **DEHR** promotes equitable practices and social justice in school communities. Ms. Stanton shared an overview of the many ways DEHR supports diversity, inclusion and safe spaces in the Division, for example, providing storybooks, resources, birthday kits, cold weather clothing, and teacher sessions. DEHR is hosting Equity Week from May 31 to June 4th in all elementary schools, providing resources and activities to explore topics of student rights, pride, uniqueness, equality, fairness and inclusion.
- ✓ Highlights from Superintendent Lewis' Report include:
 - GYPSD as the provincial leader in developing the Hapara online learning platform;
 - Preparation of the 2021-2022 Division Budget and the Assurance Framework Education Plan
 - Interviews and Hiring of Staff: new Niton Central Principal Jan Wiens, and Learning Services Supervisor Steven Ripkins;
 - Meetings with Alberta Education, the College of Alberta School Superintendents, University of Alberta:
 - Negotiation Committee Meeting;
 - Participation with the Trustees in a Governance and Policy Workshop.

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:

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared correspondence from:
 - Minister LaGrange re: June 3 Mental Wellness Day
- The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) •
- ✓ The Board of Trustees passed motions to:
 - Approve Trustee attendance at the virtual CSBA Annual Congress;
 - Approve 2021-2022 Budget to Alberta Education;
 - Approve an ASBA consultant to review Board Policies in preparation for the October Election.
 - Approve the Assurance Framework Education Plan;
 - Secure the services of a professional negotiator;
 - Invite Five School Council Chairs to attend the **PSBAA SGM** with the Board of Trustees.
 - ✓ Trustees' attendance and participation in a PSBAA, and ASBA Zone 2/3 meetings and professional learning events.
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees received an update outlining the next steps in the Government of Alberta's Transportation Task Force Report from Managing Director of Facilities and Transportation, Ken Baluch.

OUR VISION