# 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: June 16, 2021

# District Priority 1: Student Learning

# ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk praised the GYPSD's ✓ BEST Team – Bringing Empowered Students Together – for the Division-wide range of summer activities they are providing for students in all age groups during July and August. BEST coaches strive to keep students connected and engaged during the summer break. This is in addition to virtual Summer School 2021 – which gives high school students the chance to work ahead and create spaces

in their timetables for courses needed for

programs.

✓ The Trustees received a report on

GYPSD's Junior Kindergarten(JK)

Programming from Inclusive Education

Director, Kim McConnell. JK is an early

childhood education program for children

aged 3 and 4 years, licensed and

registered with Alberta Child and Family

Services. JK offers an intentional program

for children, supporting diversity and

growth. GYPSD's JK teachers plan and

organize play-based learning

to transition successfully into

kindergarten!

inclusion, geared to stimulate and develop

their intellectual, physical, and emotional

opportunities that help prepare children

post-secondary or industry training

# District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Chair Rosadiuk voiced the Board's support for MLA Getson, along with Minister Wilson and Minister Glubish, in their commitment to lead the province in locating missing Indigenous children from Alberta's former Residential Schools and shared the Division's commitment to ensuring all schools provide safe, respectful, caring, and welcoming environments that celebrate Indigenous Peoples and History, and inform foundational knowledge in Indigenous language and culture.
- ✓ Highlights from Superintendent Lewis' Report include:
- GYPSD is only one of two provincial school jurisdictions offering specialized courses unique to the National Parks
- Planning for <u>Kick-Off 2021</u>, featuring Key Note addresses from Dr. Greg Wells, and VTRA protocol founder, Kevin Cameron
- GYPSD's approach to June's final exams
- Joined the Trustees in attending the PSBAA and <u>ASBA Spring General</u> Meetings, as well as the Edwin Parr Award Ceremony
- Development of the Central Strategic Plan
- ✓ The Board of Trustees received an updated report on the province's <u>Three Phase Action Plan</u> to improve Student Transportation. The action plan is based on significant stakeholder feedback gathered in the <u>Student Transportation Task Force Report.</u>

# District Priority 3: Community Engagement

✓ <u>Board Chair Rosadiuk, Vice Chair Zaporosky, Trustees Fate, Karpluk, Aust, Caputo and Fowler</u> 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 of Education, re: the <u>Modernization</u> of Grand Truck High School in Evansburg
  - COVID 19 guidelines for Summer School
- Changes to the Guide to Education
- Invitation to teachers to serve on a Curriculum Working Group for Grade 11 and 12 courses
- <u>CMOH Hinshaw's Vaccination Letter to</u> Parents/Guardians
- The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)
- ✓ The Board of Trustees passed motions to:
  - Approve Trustee attendance at the 2021 virtual <u>CSBA Annual Congress</u>. Theme: "Equity and Inclusion for Student Well-Being"
  - Approve the <u>2021/22 Communication Plan</u>
  - Approve the 2021/22 Board Meeting Schedule
  - Approve the Division's Printer Services Provider
  - Approve the Voting Station Bylaw for the <u>October</u> Municipal Election
  - ✓ Trustees' attendance at the PSBAA's May 27<sup>th</sup> professional learning event, and June 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Spring General Assembly; and June 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwin Parr ASBA Award Ceremony