

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: September 8, 2021

District Priority 1:
Student Learning

- ✓ [Grande Cache Community High School's ELITE Program](#) provides students a comprehensive understanding of the welding, automotive, machine, sheet metal and electrical trades. Chair Rosadiuk shared the Board's appreciation for the generous donations of \$5000.00 the ELITE Program received from Canadian National Railway, Cenovus, Tourmaline, and the Canadian Western Bank to support the program. At the end of the three years, students exit with a keen sense of their skills in a meaningful career pathway!
- ✓ Schools from [Evansburg all the way to Grande Cache and Jasper](#) welcomed students back to school on Tuesday, September 7th! CAMPUS GYPSD also provides a range of alternative, innovative and flexible program options for students and families – including distance learning through our [Learn-at-Home](#) option, hybrid programming (a blend of in-class and online), specialized courses for high school students, and [Home Education](#)!

District Priority 2:
Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ The Board received a report from Managing Director of Learning Services Carra Aschenmeier describing the New Teacher Orientation Professional Learning event hosted for 21 teachers new to GYPSD in August: "we are passionately committed to supporting teachers to become reflective, collaborative, successful and effective...to ask questions, learn from and with their colleagues, and thrive."
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis's Report:
 - spoke to the success of this year's first [Division Leadership Team](#) (DLT) meeting that took place on August 26th. Principals, Assistant Principals and Central Office leadership enjoyed a rich day of conversation, problem-solving, and leadership focused on student learning
 - provided the exciting news that the Hinton Friendship Centre was successful in their Federal grant application process and would be contributing funds to support the [Indigenous Language and Culture Program Partnership with Crescent Valley School](#), celebrated in June.

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 Chair thanked MLAs [Shane Getson](#) and [Martin Long, Edson Councillors](#) Janet Wilkinson and Trevor Bevan, and [MD of Greenview](#) Councillor Tom Burton for joining the Trustees for coffee on September 1st.
 - ✓ Trustees shared feedback from their constituents on mandating masks for staff and students in schools. All GYPSD staff and GYPSD parents will be asked to complete an online survey during the week of September 13th – 17th. The Board will review the data and vote on a Division-wide masking policy at the October 6th [Public Board Meeting](#).
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees passed motions to:
 - Approve a submission to [ASBA for a Community Engagement Award](#)
 - Approve Advanced Poll and Special Ballot decisions for the [General Election](#)
 - Approve an ongoing pause on International Trips, including Out-of-Province Field Trips, until further notice due to the uncertainty of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#)
 - Approve the Superintendent's contract and request to carry forward unused vacation days
 - Approve the use of up to 1.5 million in undesignated reserves to support construction of a second gym for the [three-school amalgamation and modernization project in Evansburg](#)