

April 24, 2019

- Trustees approved the 2019/2020 school calendar, and approved-in-principle the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 calendars. Board Chair Brenda Rosadiuk noted that the board was very pleased with the high percentage of survey respondents on this year's pilot calendar, which included a fall break. Based on the input received, the next three years have a condensed fall break and an extended spring break. Please see the [press release](#) for more information. All three [calendars](#) are available on the division's website.
- The board approved a letter to the Premier of Alberta in support of the repeal of the Tobacco Reduction Amendment in regards to the potential effects the repeal may have on public health, particularly on school-aged youth.
- Ten student teachers from the University of Alberta were placed in schools throughout the division for the 2018/2019 school year.
- A letter from the Honourable Minister of Education D. Eggen noted the positive review from the department on the division's current Three-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report.
- Trustees shared individual highlights from their attendance at various stakeholder meetings and school events:

Hinton Trustees Ellen Aust and Shirley Caputo attended Hinton school council meetings and shared their enjoyment of an Indigenous Hoop Dancer presentation at Harry Collinge High School.

Jasper Trustee Dale Karpluk also attended school council meetings in her ward as well as community meetings from the local chamber and immigration coalition.

- Edson Trustees Fiona Fowler and Joan Zaporosky enjoyed the PCHS One Act plays at the Red Brick

Theatre and spring concert at Mary Bergeron Elementary.

- Board Chair, Brenda Rosadiuk, noted the high recent election voter turnout. On behalf of the board, she publicly recognized the work from both outgoing MLAs for the division, and looks forward to working with the two new incumbents. She also acknowledged the many letters of support from GYPSD school councils to Alberta Education requesting a review of the funding framework.
- Superintendent Lewis shared information on the various meetings and events she attended over the last few weeks in support of the Board's three priorities of student learning, teaching and leadership excellence, and community engagement. She hosted the year-end meeting with the current Superintendent's Youth Council where the students shared some inspiring stories and thoughtful insights on student learning priorities. Superintendent Lewis also thanked the Board for their dedication and continued efforts advocating public education.

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