

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, south of Cadomin and northwest beyond the Town of Grande Cache.

#### **Our Vision**

Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams, so that they can succeed in the global community.

# **Our Mission**

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



\*Approximate numbers for the 2019/2020 school year.

#### **Board of Trustees**

Trusteeship means being partners with parents and communities in ensuring that children are provided with the best possible educational opportunities to become the future citizens the community wishes them to be.



# **Board Priorities**

#### 01. Student Learning

We believe that all students learn best when they believe they can learn and when classrooms and the school environment supports their emotional, social, cultural and educational needs.

**Overview 2018/2019** 

- Review assessment practices with a focus on academic excellence in every subject
- Integrate technology effectively into the learning environment
- Align learning with a focus on literacy and numeracy
- Offer opportunities for all staff and students to learn about Indigenous culture and perspectives

# **02. Teaching and Leadership Excellence**

We believe that teacher and leadership excellence is foundational to student success.

- Target professional development for instructional leaders around new quality standards
- Promote excellence in teaching practices
- Engage in data-driven conversations to improve learning

### 03. Community Engagement

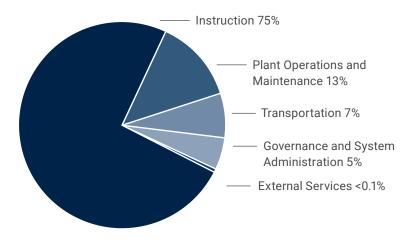
We believe that input from the community contributes to sound, intentional, informed and sustainable decision-making that supports our students.

- Host community engagement activities to solicit feedback and provide information on Division key initiatives and projects
- Host parent/guardian information nights in each community to share information on Division technologies used to communicate between home and school
- Create opportunities for students, staff, and community to contribute input on educational matters that will assist in the Board's decision-making processes



As our communities evolve within the global, provincial, and divisional contexts, new challenges and opportunities present themselves. We are committed to providing welcoming, safe, caring and respectful learning environments where each student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The diversity of our communities and the distance involved in networking consistently require the division to be creative and innovative in their approaches to continuous growth.

| Total Expenses by Program 2018/2019  | \$60,151,995 |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Instruction                          | \$45,571,416 | 75%   |
| Plant Operations and Maintenance     | \$7,671,543  | 13%   |
| Transportation                       | \$4,142,869  | 7%    |
| Governance and System Administration | \$2,729,382  | 5%    |
| External Services                    | \$36,785     | <0.1% |



# Quality Teaching and Learning Environments within the Small/Rural School Context

The division recognizes the ongoing work of it's schools to develop active citizenship skills, health and wellness and social responsibility. Implementing good mental health strategies is a priority for GYPSD in recognition of the high levels of anxiety reported through staff, student and parent surveys.

Small and caring communities offer distinct advantages such as the ability to foster strong student, staff, parent and community relationships, however the Division also face some challenges in our ability to offer a wide variety of programming in all schools due to declining enrolments and limited resources available.

# Supporting Our Indigenous Students

Supporting our Indigenous students with culturally responsible resources helps to create a welcoming, respectful, safe and caring learning environment for all students to be successful. GYPSD proudly partners with many individuals and organizations to support our youth and develop our Indigenous programs including local Elders and community Friendship Centres.

