

## 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 3, 2020

### District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Registration is open for GYPSD [Summer School](#) 2020! Parkland Composite High School Principal Mark Maris will lead this year's virtual learning initiative.
- ✓ GYPSD has encouraged the use of [Grade 3 Student Learning Assessments](#) (SLAs).
  - The digital tests, currently optional, are administered at the beginning of the school year in Grade 3.
  - They assess outcomes related to literacy and numeracy in language arts and mathematics in Alberta's current Grade 2 provincial programs of study.
  - The assessments identify students' strengths and identify areas for improvement and targeted supports.
  - Alberta Education has indicated that SLAs for the 2020-21 school year will be mandatory, but details on how and when have not yet been provided.
- ✓ The [final day for instruction](#) has been set for June 19, 2020.
- ✓ High schools throughout GYPSD are identifying safe and innovative ways to celebrate their Grade 12s. Scroll through the Division's [Facebook page](#) for pictures of the Division's graduates.

### District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ On May 26 and May 27, Superintendent Lewis led the Senior Team, the Division's Assistant Principals, Principals and consultants through engaging and reflective professional development.
- ✓ Professional Learning for 2020-21: all Division leaders and the Board of Trustees will be participating in a book study – [Dare to Lead](#) – by renowned leadership researcher Dr. Brené Brown.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis attended a conversation as a [CASS](#) representative at the University of Alberta to discuss the impact of the pandemic on university students in the province and possible re-entry and online program access.
- ✓ The Trustees bid farewell to exiting Deputy Superintendent Karen Shipka, thanked her for her service to the Division, and wished her the best in her new leadership role as Superintendent for Rocky Mountain District in BC.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis praised the efforts of Division staff beyond their classroom instructional duties. She applauded the countless hours GYPSD educators have contributed to support extracurricular clubs and experiences, coaching, and providing innovative celebrations for the Division's learners.

### 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 solutions-focused partnerships to ensure success for GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
  - ✓ Participation and representation of GYPSD at the [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta](#) (PSBAA) and the [Alberta School Board's Association](#) (ASBA) Spring General Meetings.
  - ✓ Approved motion to raise [Transportation Fees](#) by 5% for 2020-21 school year.
  - ✓ Approved motion to update Board Policy 17 - Appendix A.
  - ✓ Shared concern that [Bill 15, the Choice in Education Act](#), removes Alberta's Public School Boards from providing input into the creation of new Charter Schools.
  - ✓ Facility improvement projects, approved thru an advancement of capital funds from Alberta Education to stimulate the economy, at [Harry Collinge High School](#) in Hinton, [Parkland Composite High School](#) in Edson, and [Summitview School](#) in Grande Cache.