

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: January 13, 2021

### District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk offered encouragement to high school students who are writing their final exams and submitting final projects this month as the first semester, or second quarter comes to an end. [Diploma exams](#) are optional for students in 30 level courses for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
- ✓ The Board enjoyed a presentation describing the vision and plan of Hinton parents at [École Mountain View](#) for the creation of an outdoor classroom. Once completed the outdoor classroom space will serve to integrate nature and curriculum.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis acknowledged the welcome news for many families to return to in-school learning on January 11, 2021, announced by [Minister LaGrange](#), noting the research around social-emotional benefits for students to be with their peers and teachers in person.
- ✓ GYPSD is excited to promote innovative learning opportunities for students and families including the new [Christian Learning](#) pilot, the [Learn-at-Home option](#), and [becoming an official Home Education provider](#) within the province.

### District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ On behalf of the trustees, Board Chair Rosadiuk shared the Board's deep appreciation for the incredible work of GYPSD principals, teachers, support and Division staff for their work to meet the needs of students and families.
- ✓ Key highlights from the Superintendent's Report include:
  - Significant [mental health supports](#) for students and staff including 10 full-time Family School Liaison Counselors (FSLC), 3 BEST Coaches and a Division psychologist.
  - One-on-one meetings with all GYPSD principals and Education Services Centre staff
  - Provincial meetings to prepare for students return to in-school learning for January 11th
  - Plans for a virtual Palisades' [Indigenous](#) Camp in April – featuring a Keynote from [Senator Patti LaBoucane-Benson](#), and presentations by [Dr. Dwayne Donald](#) and [Dr. Sean Lessard](#)
  - Committee work of teachers to design and introduce a new report card format across the Division
  - Upgrades to PowerSchool Pro and a consistent gradebook
  - [Invitation to families to join or return to GYPSD schools](#)

### 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 our GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
  - ✓ Strong first-quarter financial report illustrating the Board's commitment to good fiscal stewardship and sustainable budgeting in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - ✓ Attendance and participation in a Special Meeting of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta ([PSBAA](#)) January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Attendance and participation at Alberta School Boards Association ([ASBA](#)) Zone 2/3 *Advocacy Committee* Meeting, January 21<sup>st</sup> and the regular Zone 2/3 Meeting, January 29<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Attendance and participation in ASBA Leadership Academy Workshop, February 8<sup>th</sup>