

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: March 10, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ The Board of Trustees enjoyed a virtual classroom visit into the [SonRise Christian Program in Grande Cache](#) where the students and teacher Dorothy Bock demonstrated [Whole Brain Learning](#) and led the trustees through learning about the different parts of the brain.
- ✓ The Division is excited for 2021-2022. [Pre-registration](#) for Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten is open throughout GYPSD.
- ✓ [CAMPUS GYPSD](#) will provide excellent and personalized distance learning and specialized options for interested students across GYPSD and the province.
- ✓ GYPSD's commitment to student learning is supported by a range of innovative [learning opportunities](#) for students and families throughout [our communities](#). The Division is now an official [Home Education provider](#) within the province, in addition to the [Christian Learning](#) pilot, and the [Learn-at-Home option](#) that offers both virtual access and/or paper products.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk recognized [Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week](#), acknowledging the important role that substitute teachers play to "help ensure we are providing wonderful instruction in service of our board priority of student learning!"
- ✓ The Board heard incredible presentations from first year teachers Kayleigh Breen, [École Westhaven Elementary School](#), and Beth Johnson, [Grand Trunk High School](#), both nominated for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Each year the [Alberta School Board Association \(ASBA\)](#) honours six outstanding first-year teachers from across the province with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. Mr. Edwin Parr was a school board Trustee and president of the Alberta School Trustees Association from 1956 to 1962.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis highlighted:
 - [Palisades Indigenous Education](#), April 17th.
 - participation in the CASS Zone 2/3 meeting.
 - work with [High School Principals](#) and lead teachers to develop the Hāpara platform for the fall.
- ✓ The Board received reports from Managing Director of Learning Services Aschenmeier on the new [Assurance Framework](#) and from Chief Deputy Superintendent Kastrinos on the [current state](#) of youth [sport and recreation in 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 GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared appreciation for:
 - the efforts and work of the province to present [Budget 2021](#) to support education in Alberta
 - the [Critical Worker Benefit](#) for Education workers.
 - [MLA Getson's](#) presentation on government processes to Niton Central Grade 5 and 6 students
 - the province's [announcement of the modernization at Grand Trunk High School](#).
- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved motions to:
 - nominate Beth Johnson as GYPSD's Edwin Parr Teaching Award candidate.
 - approve GYPSD's Three-Year Capital Plan (2022-2024) and Ten-Year [Facilities](#) Plan (2022-2031) for submission to Alberta Education.
- ✓ Participation and attendance at the [ASBA](#) Zone 2/3 Coffee Conversation.