

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: October 6, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged [World Teachers' Day](#) and shared her deep appreciation for the Division's teachers as they "inspire, support, encourage, and champion our young people in their learning". She also spoke to the importance of [reading aloud](#) to babies, toddlers, and children in the early grades as key to the development of their literacy skills.
- ✓ The Board Chair listed the important [assessment screening tools](#) used with student in every grade – including special tools with Kindergarten students, to identify literacy and reading strengths and areas for targeted supports.
- ✓ The Board received a report from Managing Director of Learning Services Ms. Aschenmeier describing the Division's experiential, career-oriented, and Off-Campus learning [opportunities for high school students](#) in GYPSD. In addition, students can access specialized courses through the [Hāpara](#) platform.
- ✓ Ms. Aschenmeier also shared the Division's extensive planning and preparation for September 30th's [Orange Shirt and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ The Board received a COVID Information update from Acting Director of Facilities and OH&S agent, Brian Orge; he listed the number of positive cases and the absenteeism rates in schools across GYPSD, and shared [recent changes from Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education](#) in how jurisdictions will be required to give contact tracing information to AHS.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis acknowledged Mr. Orge and the school principals for their incredible leadership in trying to keep everyone safe and informed about positive cases in schools.
- ✓ Highlights from Superintendent Lewis's Report included:
 - a visit to a Green Certificate program partner's stable in the Lobstick zone;
 - meeting with Alberta Education's new Field Manager for GYPSD, and sharing the Division's focused work on the [Board's three priorities, literacy and numeracy](#).
 - preparation for the October 7th DLT with the Division's principals and assistant principals;
 - preparation for the **Division's Data Day, October 22nd**.
- ✓ The Board Chair shared her deep appreciation for retiring Grande Cache Trustee, Ken Fate, praising "his support, steady leadership, and thoughtful service to GYPSD."

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:
 - ✓ The Chair shared correspondence from:
 - [Alberta School Boards Association](#) (ASBA): providing clarification on the province's Weighted Moving Average for [funding schools](#); key dates for upcoming events and deadlines; progress on the [curriculum focus group](#); and the relevant and insightful information shared by ASBA Speaker's Corner presenter, [Roy Pogorzelski](#);
 - The Deputy Minister of Education with [safety](#) and [COVID tracing updates](#) for schools and buses, and information on the National Day for [Truth and Reconciliation](#);
 - The joint letter from [Minister of Education and the Minister of Health](#) strongly encouraging proof of vaccination policies for all school board staff, volunteers, and visitors to schools.
- ✓ The Board received a report summarizing the results of their Division-wide masking survey. Watch for the survey data to be posted on the COVID 19 Information page on the GYPSD website!