

Treaty 8 Lands

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Grande Cache Community High  
The Learning Connection Grande Cache

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Trustee, Grande Cache

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Métis District

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École Westhaven  
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Parkland Composite High  
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Trustee  
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Fulham School

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Trustee  
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Wildwood School

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Grande Yellowhead  
Public School Division

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Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, a welcoming place for peoples from around the world. We acknowledge that this land includes Treaty 6 and Treaty 8 Territories, and is a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, travelling route, and home for many Indigenous peoples.

## Board Priority

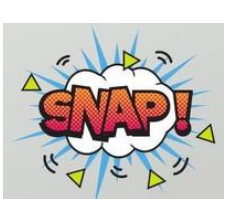
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### STUDENT LEARNING



The registration window for **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten** programming is open!

Returning student enrollment verification opens **March 10**; watch for your 'snap' code!



Grand Trunk School's Foods Program students spoke to the Board alongside their teacher, **Alyssa Schatz**. The students shared their appreciation for the valuable skills they are learning alongside each other in the course. Mrs. Schatz also shared her gratitude to the community for supporting her 'farm to table' focus.



Director of **Inclusion Services Amy Corser** is **preparing speech screenings for incoming junior kindergarten and kindergarten students**. New **registrations for GYPSD's junior kindergarten and kindergarten programming** opened February 10th.

Assistant Superintendent Carra Aschenmeier shared that the Division submitted 23 recommendations for **Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards**. The **Alberta School Boards Association Award** is intended to recognize First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students who "model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths, and potential while celebrating the ways of their people."

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### TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE



The Board approved a motion to add their support to the **Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Section of Pediatrics** advocacy efforts to Education Minister Nicolaides that **PUF** allocations be restored to previous amounts in addition to an increase in the Specialized Learning Support Grant.

The Board will be attending **Alberta Education's Rural Education Symposium**. **ARES** is an important annual event where rural boards meet, share challenges with their MLAs, and gain insights that may be applicable here in Grande Yellowhead.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Meghan Auriat gave an update on spring preparations to recruit new employees and the annual processes for assigning contracts and gathering staff intention forms.

Tech, Learning Services, Transportation, and the Inclusion Team Leaders shared their PD plans for March 7th.

The Board approved an update to **Policy 7, Board Operations**, adding a smaller time allocation to their claim form for remuneration. The change addresses meetings or events that occur within two hours and illustrates the trustees' attention to fiscal responsibility.

The Board approved an update to **Policy 8, Committees of the Board**, with the addition of a 'finance/budget committee'. The new committee will help determine and guide the Board's governance budget as well as lend additional support for the Division's financial operations. The new committee, comprised of two trustees, the Superintendent, and the Secretary-Treasurer, will meet four times during the year- once per fiscal quarter.

Superintendent Parsons shared **highlights from his report**, which included updates to **Administrative Procedure 305, School Attendance Areas**, and support for the Board's creation of a new Board Policy for **School Attendance Areas**.

The Board heard **GYPSD's Incident Command Team's preparations for the 2025 Wildfire Season**.

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Superintendent Parsons and members of the senior team attended a meeting with the **MD of Greenvew**'s administration team to discuss solutions for the school bus stop at Summitview Middle School.

Director Corser shared plans for **Spring Break** events hosted by the FSLCs, BEST coaches, and Wellness Navigators across GYPSD's communities. Information will be distributed to parents via school principals.

Parents, staff, and students in high school received a link to a survey inviting them to share their feedback on **Policy 18, School Calendar**, with the Board by March 21.



Similarly, parents, students in grades 4, 7, or 10, and teachers are asked to respond to a survey from Alberta Education. **Parents can receive their invitation details and random access code** at the school. Contact your school principal for more information about the **Assurance Measures Survey**!

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### SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

Chair Karpluk acknowledged that during February, schools celebrate **Random Acts of Kindness**, **100 Days of Learning**, **Black History**, and annual **Pink Shirt Day**. "Wearing a pink shirt on this day raises awareness of bullying prevention and sends a strong message to victims of bullying that they are not alone – others care and there is **help and support available in each of our GYPSD schools**. I want to share our Board's appreciation for the ongoing work of the Division staff to model kindness, inclusion, and respect and to provide support within every classroom and school in GYPSD."

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- February 28: CUPE Negotiations Resume
- March 2 - 4: Alberta Rural Education Symposium
- March 10: ASBA Speakers' Corner
- March 12: TEBA Meeting
- March 13: Evergreen Catholic Trustees meeting
- March 14: ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting
- March 25: Policy Committee Meeting
- March 26: Public Board Meeting
- March 27 - April 6: Spring Break

