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### STUDENT LEARNING

The Board of Trustees thoroughly enjoyed the annual presentations from the **Superintendent Youth Council** at this month's Public Board Meeting. Twenty-seven students from each of the five high schools - Grand Trunk in Evansburg; Parkland Composite in Edson; Harry Collinge in Hinton; Grande Cache Community, and Jasper Junior/Senior High - shared their thoughts with the Board on a unique project or initiative they envisioned for their school.



Projects ranged from a more robust breakfast program, student exchanges across the Division, facility modernization, and feedback on the current restrictions on personal mobile devices at school. **Assistant Superintendent Scobie** also applauded the students' thoughtful and detailed presentations, and provided some insight on each project's goals to help them move them forward.

Trustees approved Year Two (2) of three (3) of the Division's **Education Plan** which continues to support:

- **Goal 1:** Every GYPSD student will graduate with the knowledge and skills to pursue their goals beyond high school.
- **Goal 2:** First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students are successful.
- **Goal 3:** Increase parental satisfaction in Education Quality and Engaged Student Learning in GYPSD by improving parental engagement.

Specific strategies and desired outcomes are articulated in the Education Plan which informs stakeholders on a multi-year view as to how GYPSD will meet the needs of students and improve results in specific areas. Families, staff, and high school students are also surveyed annually to collect insight on how these strategies are moving the division forward in meeting these goals. 593 respondents, up four (4) percent from last year, provided feedback which was also shared with trustees.

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### TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

**Meghan Auriat, Assistant Superintendent**, provided the annual **Human Resources (HR) Planning and Recruitment Report** which included an update on the current staffing activities in preparation for end of year and the upcoming school year. Each year staffing changes reflect retirements, resignations, secondments, requests for transfers to another school, requests for leaves of absence, and job-sharing requests.

In addition, the HR team actively recruits all year including attendance at career fairs through local venues, universities and Apply to Education.

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



A new policy, **Policy 22 - School Attendance Areas**, was adopted to align with the current procedures in **AP 305 - School Attendance Areas**. As per section 10(1) of the **Education Act**, the Board establishes school attendance areas and designates resident students of the Board to a particular school. School attendance areas manage space and resources across the division in order to provide quality learning opportunities for all students.

School attendance areas are determined by the Board and are designed to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of students across schools, while also allowing for some flexibility in attendance choices. While students are generally expected to attend the designated school within their attendance area, parents may request their child attend a different school within the division, subject to space availability and school-specific criteria.

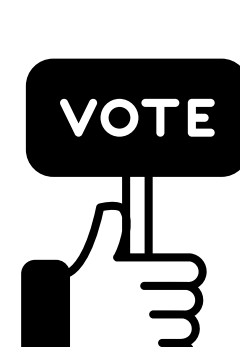
The Board was also pleased to approve

- a letter of support for the redevelopment efforts of the Jasper community in seeking funding grants for their elementary school's playground
- congratulatory letters to their local MPs elected in the recent federal election
- the purchase of four (4) school buses as part of the evergreening of their fleet plan, and
- two (2) advocacy letters to be forwarded
  - to the Minister of Education and Childcare requesting provincial funding to support compensation for the recently ratified agreement with CUPE Local #1357
  - as a follow-up letter to the new Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change requesting compensation for the \$500,000 insurance deductible in relation to the 2024 Jasper wildfires.

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### SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS



Part of a healthy system includes sound financial management. **Assistant Superintendent Scobie** outlined the highlights and assumptions for the 2025/26 Budget Submission Report which will be forwarded to Alberta Education in June. The Board's new **Finance Committee** also shared some recommended changes for upcoming policy discussions.

A new **2025 Candidate Election Handbook** was introduced to the Board. It has been added to the **Division's website** along with other resources to assist potential candidates in learning about the important role of a public-school trustee.

The current board also created a video on their roles and responsibilities which has also been shared on the site.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- June: National Indigenous History Month
- June 18: Public Board Meeting
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 26: HCHS, JJSBS, and PCHS Grads
- June 27: GCCHS Grad
- June 28: GTHS Grad

