

**School Council
École Jasper Elementary School**

May 21, 2025

**Re: Letter of Support
Redevelopment of an Inclusive Playground at ÉJES**

To Whom it May Concern;

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, please accept this letter of support for funding requests towards the redevelopment of the playground at École Jasper Elementary School which serves both the needs of the school and the community.


We wholeheartedly support this initiative by the school council. Following the devastating fire that impacted the community in the summer of 2024, Jasper has continued to rebuild with strength and resilience. The École Jasper Elementary playground was not directly damaged; however, the equipment is outdated and worn. Although the equipment is regularly inspected for health and safety reasons by division staff, the space would be better served with newer structures that include better accessibility that aligns with the division's goal of spaces for children that are welcoming, safe and inclusive for all. The playground is also used regularly by all members of the community: thus, its modernization would be an important symbol of renewal and recovery for a community devastated by last year's wildfires.

We understand that the proposed redevelopment includes:

- Replacement of damaged or outdated play structures
- Installation of a gazebo to be used as an outdoor classroom
- Upgraded basketball equipment with permanent posts
- The addition of shaded areas and inclusive play features

We are pleased to provide this support and agree to this letter being attached to the application by the École Jasper Elementary School's School Council in their applications for funding for this important project.

Sincerely,


Dale Karpluk (May 27, 2025 22:00 MDT)

Dale Karpluk, Board Chair (Jasper)

Cc: Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division
Dr. Parsons, CEO/Superintendent of Schools

