

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: June 17, 2020

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Alberta Education has shared a 2020-21 [School Re-Entry Plan](#) which identifies three possible scenarios. School jurisdictions are tasked to consider how each of the three scenarios can be implemented for the beginning of the school year.
- [Alberta Education](#) will determine which scenario will be implemented by/on August 1, 2020.
- Students, staff and parents are invited to complete [Re-Entry Surveys](#) to help identify concerns and inform potential re-entry plans, processes and protocols.
- Principals will be working within their schools to determine best approaches.
- ✓ GYPSD offers exemplary [Junior Kindergarten](#) programming throughout the Division. Parents are encouraged to register now at GYPSD elementary school sites for the 2020-21 school year.
- ✓ B.E.S.T. is offering FREE online [summer programs](#) throughout July and August.
- ✓ High school students and Grade 9 students entering high school are reminded to register for GYPSD [Summer School 2020!](#)

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Evergreen Local #11 ATA President Jessie Smeall offered her thanks to the Board and Division for their support to teachers during this unprecedented school year. She acknowledged the "strong partnership" that exists in GYPSD.
- The Board wished Ms. Scheall well for her upcoming leave and looks forward to meeting, and working with, next year's ATA delegate.
- ✓ The Board of Trustees shared their appreciation for staff who contribute to GYPSD [Good News Stories](#). These stories showcase the incredibly positive work and many successes of the Division.
- ✓ GYPSD is pleased to announce that Ms. Kelly Smith has accepted the position of [Assistant Superintendent of Inclusive Learning and Technology](#). Ms. Smith has been with the Division for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis shared her attendance and participation in meetings for CASS, TEBA, and PSBAA. She recognized the work of principals and the senior team to support students: "I am so proud to be working with this outstanding staff!"

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 solutions-focused partnerships to ensure success for GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
 - ✓ The [Board of Trustees](#) held their annual [Organizational Meeting](#) in preparation for 2020-21. Congratulations to Trustee Rosadiuk for her reappointment as Board Chair, and Trustee Zaporosky for her re-appointment as Vice-Chair!
 - The first Public Board Meeting for 2020-21 will take place August 26th.
 - ✓ The Board approved motions on:
 - 2020-21 Public Board Meeting [Schedule](#)
 - [2020-21 Communication Plan](#)
 - CMR Stimulus Contracts
 - [Support for Aspen View Public Schools](#)
 - Collective Bargaining Training for Board Representatives
 - Support for the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards' Budget for 2020-21
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees will participate in a [Student Transportation Survey](#) for the [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta](#) (PSBAA).
 - ✓ ATA Negotiation meetings will take place June 18 and 19, 2020.