

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: September 23, 2020

### District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared her appreciation for the Federal Funds GYPSD received to support COVID costs as it helps to keep school funds focused on the classroom and student learning.
- ✓ GYPSD's Learn-at-Home option - which provides families the opportunity for students to learn from home for the 2020-21 school year – is adding French Language support for Immersion students. French Immersion students in the virtual platform will be able to Google Meet with French language teachers to maintain their language skills while learning at home.
- ✓ The Division is developing a pilot to begin offering Christian programming for students through the Learn-at-Home platform.
- ✓ The Division is pleased to hear from families who feel supported in their decision to learn-at-home this fall. Families appreciate the flexibility of the option, the opportunity to book face-to-face appointments at the TLC, and the relationship they maintain with their child's school.

### District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Congratulations to [Crescent Valley student Lucy Beaverbones](#) for receiving a 2020 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award from the [Alberta School Boards' Association](#). The award celebrates First Nations, Metis and Inuit students from across Alberta who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and who embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people. In addition, 18 students from across GYPSD received Honourable Mention!
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis praised the excellent work of Division principals for implementing health and safety protocols within their schools and for their leadership ensuring a successful return to learning for all Division students.
- ✓ Highlights from the Superintendent's Report included:
  - partnership discussion with [Dr. Dwayne Donald, University of Alberta](#)
  - Central Office Professional Development, *Leading From Where you Are*. Participants worked through [Dare to Lead](#), as well as system's processes.
  - Incredible success of Kick Off 2020 to provide professional learning opportunities to all staff within GYPSD
  - attendance and participation in meetings with stakeholders, ministry officials and CASS.

### 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 our GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
  - ✓ The selection of two public members to sit on the Board's Audit Committee.
  - ✓ The [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta](#) awarded [Hinton Trustee Shirley Caputo the 2020 Dick Baker Legacy Award](#) for her service to public education. Trustee Caputo shared her award with the board saying, "What we are here for is what is best for the students who walk through our school doors."
  - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk thanked [Yellowhead MP Gerald Soroka](#), [Hinton Mayor Marcel Michaels](#) and MD of Greenview Councillor Tom Burton for their support of GYPSD and attendance at [Kick Off 2020](#).
  - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared her appreciation for local MLAs [Shane Getson](#) and [Martin Long](#) for their value in and support of rural education in Alberta.
  - ✓ Trustees will be attending the virtual [West Yellowhead Community VTRA](#) meeting and MLA Getson's *What Matters to You Town Hall* in Evansburg on September 29, 2020.