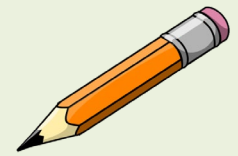


OUR VISION
Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

OUR MISSION

We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.



Key Messages: October 28, 2020

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Trustees voted to approve the cancellation of the Provincial Achievement Test for Grade 6 and Grade 9 students in GYPSD, after the province announced the tests were optional for the 2020-21 school year.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis spoke of the varied and comprehensive assessment tools Division teachers use to determine student growth and areas for targeted instruction and support, including assessments in reading, numeracy and writing, from kindergarten to Grade 12. Superintendent Lewis praised the work of Division teachers who are addressing learning gaps caused by the pandemic, practicing and implementing AHS guidelines, and striving to provide engaging learning environments.
- ✓ On October 23, Division teachers participated in GYPSD's [Data Day](#) – the analysis of information from multiple data sources is used to inform each school's instructional focus and in the construction of the school's continuous improvement plan.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Highlights from the Superintendent's Report include:
 - [Local Authorities Election Act](#) (L.A.E.A) In-service to begin [preparations for Election 2021](#).
 - Preparation and support for the Board's Annual Planning Seminar.
 - Superintendent's Youth Council.
 - Participation at the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Fall General meeting.
 - Development of an **Aspiring Leaders Program** for GYPSD.
 - Preparation of the Alberta Education Results Report (AERR).
 - Division-wide Essential Question: *How are each of us helping to move GYPSD forward? What is our evidence that our efforts and actions are working?*
- ✓ The **New Teacher Mentorship Program** has been in practice since 2016. Supports for this year's cohort of new teachers, include:
 - School designated site specific mentors;
 - Collaboration time with school designated mentors for coaching purposes;
 - Two additional professional development (PD) opportunities designed with new teachers in mind including collaboration with second year teachers during PD days;
 - Monthly *Connection and Reflection* with the Director of Curriculum and Assessment as a system mentor.

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:
 - ✓ Attendance and representation at the [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta](#) (PSBAA) Fall General Meeting, the [Alberta School Boards Association](#) (ASBA) Fall General Meeting and Zone 2/3 Meeting, and the Public School Board Council Meeting.
 - ✓ Praise for Alberta's 41 public schools for their inclusivity and advocacy to the Minister of Education to not use this year's student enrollment numbers when determining next year's school budgets.
 - ✓ Meeting with Deputy Minister of Education, Andre Corbould, and Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hinshaw to discuss rising COVID-19 cases and the need for Albertans to follow public health orders and guidelines despite 'pandemic fatigue'.
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk spoke to the important role that [School Councils](#) play in supporting schools, thanking families and staff for dedicating time and energy to serving on the school council. The Board will be hosting its annual *Council of School Councils* meeting for all GYPSD school council chairs on November 10th.