

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: November 25, 2020

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged [Bullying Awareness Week](#) in Alberta and the work of GYPSD staff to ensure students have safe, welcoming, caring and respectful learning environments.
- ✓ Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Carra Aschenmeier, provided a [status report on Alberta Education's curriculum](#) changes, highlighting the contributions of GYPSD teachers to engage in this important work. In addition, GYPSD teachers mark Diploma Exams and PATs and serve on item development panels and working groups – all in the service of improving our students' learning!
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis shared the success of the Division's innovative program options and supports for student learning in the Virtual platform, including language and conversation support for French Immersion students, the Christian Learning pilot, and the TLC sites – providing one-on-one support and paper-based resources when needed.
- ✓ GYPSD has been given the green light to become an official [Home Education](#) provider in 2021-2022.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ The Board of Trustees approved:
 - the [Division's 3 Year Education Plan \(3YEP\) and Alberta Education Results Report \(AERR\) document](#) for submission to the government for November 30, 2020, applauding GYPSD's many successes - including excellent financial standings, and outlines innovative, research-based strategies the Division will employ to further improve student learning outcomes.
 - the Division's Financial Audited Statements for 2019-2020. The Board received praise from the independent auditor for "an extremely well-done process and report".
- ✓ Managing Director of Facilities, Ken Baluch, reported on GYPSD buildings – ensuring they are well maintained and provide welcoming environments.
- ✓ Key highlights from the Superintendent's Report include:
 - GYPSD's readiness to respond to the [Premier's Announcement on November 24, 2020](#).
 - Meetings with principals and lead teachers for Indigenous learning, Literacy, Numeracy and Technology for each of the Division's schools.
 - Participation and attendance at many provincial meetings, the Council of School Councils' meeting and Community Coffee Conversations hosted by the Trustees.
 - Addition of Numeracy Consultant to support teachers in math instruction.
 - Teacher Employee Bargaining Association meeting.

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:
 - ✓ Approved motions for [Municipal Election](#) 2021 Bylaws and Returning Officers.
 - ✓ Attendance and representation at the [Alberta School Boards Association](#) (ASBA) Fall General Meeting and the [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta](#) (PSBAA) Council Meeting.
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged the School Council Chairs and representatives who participated in the annual [Council of School Councils' meeting](#) for their commitment to student learning and school success!
 - ✓ Trustees have completed two of five virtual *Community Coffee Conversations* scheduled in November and December in each of the [five communities](#) that make up GYPSD. Attendees at the Lobstick and Jasper meetings shared their appreciation for the work of the Division to respond and support students and families during the pandemic, and for the ongoing work of school staff to keep students safe and engaged in their learning.