

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: February 10, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ✓ GYPSD's elementary schools are posting *virtual* open houses on their websites in preparation for next year registrations in the Division's [Junior kindergarten and Kindergarten programs](#).
- ✓ [Ecole Westhaven Elementary School](#) is excited to be launching a Montessori Early Learning Program (Jr Kindergarten/Kindergarten) pilot this fall!
- ✓ The Division continues to develop *CAMPUS GYPSD* for the fall with the Hāpara Virtual Learning Platform to provide excellent and personalized distance learning and specialized options for interested students across GYPSD and the province.
- ✓ GYPSD offers a range of innovative [learning opportunities](#) for students and families throughout [our communities](#). The Division is now an official [Home Education provider](#) within the province, in addition to the [Christian Learning](#) pilot, and the [Learn-at-Home option](#) that offers both virtual access and/or paper products.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis met with the Division's Alberta Education representative to review the [Three-Year Education Plan \(3YEP\) and Annual Education Results Report \(AERR\)](#), noting the conversation was a wonderful opportunity to "praise the incredible efforts of school staff and leaders to innovate and fulfill the Board's three priorities, and showcase the Board's attentiveness and responsiveness to families."
- ✓ Key highlights from the Superintendent's Report include:
 - Development of a Strategic Technology Plan
 - Comprehensive Transportation Services Review
 - Work with the HR and Finance teams to review and prepare for spring staffing, budgeting processes and leadership development.
 - Preparation for province wide PD for leaders: Palisades' [Indigenous](#) Camp in April – featuring Keynote Speaker [Senator Patti LaBoucane-Benson](#), and presentations by [Dr. Dwayne Donald](#) and [Dr. Sean Lessard](#)
- ✓ The Board received reports from Mr. Brian Orge, Assistant Director of Facilities and Transportation, and Mr. Ken Baluch, Managing Director of Facility and Transportation Services outlining the Division's high standards for OH&S and school cleanliness - receiving praise from AHS inspectors for ensuring safe and healthy environments for all students and staff.
- ✓ [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 solution-focused partnerships to ensure success for our GYPSD students and community. Highlights include:
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk:
 - Extended the Board's congratulations to [new Deputy Minister of Education, Andre Tremblay](#);
 - Applauded Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan's (ASEBP) initiative [It Takes a Village](#) to combat mental health stigma and encourage well-being;
 - Acknowledged the ongoing work of the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards and appreciation for the receipt of the second round of Federal COVID funds.
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees approved motions to:
 - Advocate to the Minister of Education for the prioritization of access to the [COVID 19 vaccination](#) for school staff;
 - Explore the addition of École to [Jasper Elementary School](#)'s name to highlight the French Immersion program;
 - Secure [ASBA](#) facilitator for the Board and Superintendent Annual Evaluations.