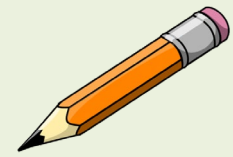


OUR VISION
Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

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



Key Messages: March 24, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged the work of schools to prepare for **2021-2022** through [Pre-registration](#) for Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten, and for the development of [CAMPUS GYPSD](#) to provide excellent and personalized distance learning in the new [Hāpara](#) Online Learning platform, [Home Education](#) and specialized options – such as the [Christian Learning](#) program pilot.
- ✓ High school students at Parkland and Grand Trunk who are interested in IT (Information Technology) have the opportunity to participate in an **IT Mentorship Program** pilot hosted by the Division's [Technology Team](#), under the leadership of Technology Directors' Kevin Bissoon and Lyle Lee. The pilot seeks to develop student-led help desks and encourage and cultivate interest in the field of IT. The Division strives to inspire students to explore and investigate a range of possible Career Pathways – including careers in [Computer Science](#), [Agriculture](#), [Forestry](#), and the world of [Trades](#).
- ✓ The Board received reports from Deputy Chief Superintendent Kastrinos describing the Division's support of [Student Teachers](#). This year, GYPSD provided practicum placements for 12 university students in Education programs from the University of Alberta, The University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge. Mr. Kastrinos also shared an overview of the HR Department's work to recruit, support, and retain qualified and committed personnel to GYPSD.
- ✓ **Highlights** from Superintendent Lewis' Report include:
 - The senior team's attendance and participation in the [2021 Virtual 55th CASS Annual Learning Conference](#);
 - Acknowledged Eric Bouchard as the new principal of [Jasper Elementary School](#) and Mr. Lyle Lee in his appointment to Director of IT.
 - [Participation in Committees of the Board](#) meetings for [Board Policy](#), the Board Planning Seminar, and the Division's Calendars;
 - Work on the new Alberta Education [Assurance Framework](#) to support school jurisdictions' [Education Plans](#).
- ✓ [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 GYPSD students and community. **Highlights** include:
 - ✓ The Board will attend a Special Meeting with Minister LaGrange this Friday, March 26th.
 - ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk shared correspondence from:
 - The Alberta School Board Insurance Exchange (ASBIE)
 - The Alberta School Board Association (ASBA)
 - ✓ The Board of Trustees approved motions to:
 - [Waive Transportation Service Fees for the current school year \(2020-2021\)](#);
 - Update Board Policy 17 – Student Transportation Services;
 - Update Board Policy 17, Appendix A – Transportation Fees and not increase user service fees for 2021-2022;
 - Create new Board Policy 17, Appendix B – *Occasional Rider Request Form*;
 - Add École to the name of Jasper Elementary School.
 - ✓ Trustee Participation and attendance at:
 - [CASS Virtual FNMI Education Gathering](#) March 15th - 17th;
 - [ASBA](#) Zone 2/3 Meeting March 19th.