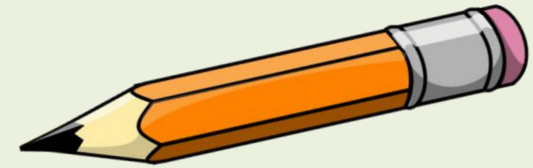


## Key Messages January 2020

**Grande Yellowhead Public School  
Division is committed to student learning,  
teaching and leadership excellence and  
community engagement.**



### Student Learning

- ✓ GYPSD high school teachers are offering a range of extra supports to ensure our students are prepared to write their [Provincial Diploma Exams](#). Extra tutorials, weekend prep classes, and study packages are just a few of the actions our dedicated staff has put in place for our soon-to-be graduates!
- ✓ A welcoming, caring, safe and respectful learning environment is key to mental health and student learning. Students at Harry Collinge, Parkland, Niton, Grand Trunk, Jasper, Grande Cache and the Leaning Connections will be participating in a [Dare to Care](#) initiative – funded through a Health and Wellness grant. The initiative - intended to encourage students to take ownership of their environments and put emphasis on small but powerful changes.

### Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ The excellent work our Principal group has done with Superintendent Lewis and the senior administrative team in the **Instructional Rounds Initiative** will be profiled at the [College of School Superintendents' Conference](#) (CASS) Annual Learning Conference in April.
- ✓ CASS members are our province's education system leaders, and the CASS mission is to support system leadership excellence to ensure student success.
- ✓ The *Instructional Rounds Initiative* has been hugely successful for GYPSD learners. Sharing our district's success story contributes to the ongoing improvement of learning across the province while illustrating why Grande Yellowhead is a great community that strives for excellent schools.

### Community Engagement

- ✓ Our Board of Trustees, led by Board Chair Brenda Rosadiuk, is 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:
  - Meetings with MLA Martin Long (West Yellowhead) and MLA Shane Getson (Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland) to share the success of the district and to advocate for funding to ensure our students continue to have access to great schools and programming choices.
  - The new **Circle of Learning** program at the *Hinton Friendship Centre* (Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association), funded by Alberta Education. A parent sharing circle, for Indigenous parents and caregivers with kids in kindergarten to grade four, will be hosted at the Hinton centre on **February 6th at 5:30 pm**.
  - Attendance and participation at the [Alberta Rural Education Symposium](#) in March where Education Minister LaGrange will speak.
  - Promoting awareness of the [Alberta School Boards Association's](#) (ASBA) ongoing leadership to champion public education in the province which includes public, separate and francophone school boards. [Recently, ASBA Vice President Trina Boymook was interviewed for CTV Alberta Primetime.](#)