

## 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: April 1, 2020

### District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ Upon Alberta Education's announcement that school buildings will be closed to students, parents and the community, GYPSD principals, teachers and central office staff immediately put an action plan in place ensuring that communication, collaboration and learning could be supported through the Google Suite Platform (G Suite for Education).
- ✓ GYPSD became a [G Suite school jurisdiction](#) in September 2017 affording each student within the Division his/her own G Suite account – including platforms and tools such as Gmail, Docs, Classroom, Drive, and Google Meet.
- ✓ Successful student learning is supported by many mental health supports in GYPSD. B.E.S.T. Coaches and Family School Liaison Counselors are available to connect with students and families through school principals or the student's teacher.
- ✓ Learning from [Home](#) Resources are available for families. Division's principals are ensuring that families without access to the internet or to a [digital device](#) are being supported with technology or hard copies of learning materials.

### District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ GYPSD has been recognized for its head-start in providing a comprehensive [Continuity of Learning](#) plan. Beginning in the fall of 2017, the Tech Team and Division Tech-lead teachers provided whole-school and one-to-one professional learning for all GYPSD staff.
- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk, Superintendent Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Nicholson met with Assistant Deputy Minister Gene Williams on March 20 for more clarity on the new funding framework and its impact on the 2020-21 school year, including supports to PUF, geographical and socio-economic grants, and transportation.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis and members of the GYPSD senior team have joined the *Hinton Coalition*, headed by [Hinton Friendship Centre](#) Society co-Executive Director Lisa Higgerty, to collaborate with regional non-profit organizations on support initiatives.
- ✓ The ATA Evergreen Local 11 President, J Smeall, commended GYPSD for its open and honest [communications](#) during this difficult time of COVID and funding cuts for being either on par or ahead of other jurisdictions with information and updates.

### 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:
  - ✓ Successful completion of the 2020 Community Engagements in each of the five GYPSD zones from Lobstick to Grande Cache; the Trustees appreciated the participants' passion for GYPSD schools and the rich conversations around challenging topics.
  - ✓ Conversations and Meetings with:
    - Assistant Deputy Minister Gene Williams; and
    - Deputy Minister Andre Corbould.
  - ✓ The Board approved motions to:
    - request the reinstatement of the word *Public* in the Division's legal name;
    - reimburse portions of program fees if applicable; and
    - maintain non-essential CUPE staff until the end of April 2020 before issuing temporary lay-off notices.
  - ✓ Congratulations to Trustee Caputo (Hinton) for her successful nomination for the [Public School Board Association of Alberta's Dick Baker Legacy Award](#)