

DRAFT K-6 CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Immediate Release: April 23, 2021 - In a recent letter to the editor of the Edmonton Journal, Minister LaGrange communicated that she is seeking Albertans' input on the draft curriculum. She further identified that "School Divisions have flexible options for how they provide feedback." At the April 21, 2021, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion giving the central office curriculum-working group, comprising teachers and central staff, permission to share feedback regarding their review of the draft curriculum with the Minister of Education. The Board felt they could still provide Alberta Education with meaningful and constructive feedback through the curriculum-working group rather than through schools.

At the Public Board Meeting, the Superintendent and Trustees applauded GYPSD staff for their flexibility, resiliency, and incredible professionalism, managing shifts between online and in-person teaching in response to the pandemic. They also shared the feedback received from parents, teachers, and community members who have deep concerns about the draft. However, the Trustees voiced their belief that providing feedback was too important of an opportunity to miss, given the many years the province has been without an updated curriculum: thus, the decision to task the Division's curriculum-working group to provide feedback to Alberta Education. This approach aligns with how many school jurisdictions in the province are also providing input.

The development and approval of the provincial curriculum are under the authority of the Alberta government. Members of the public are encouraged to review the draft K to 6 curricula and provide feedback to the Ministry of Education until Spring 2022 via the Alberta Education website: <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>.