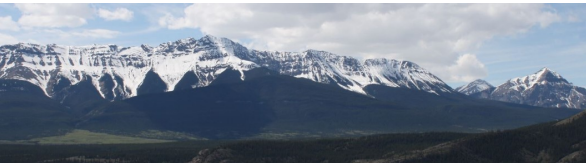


GYPSD's Top Ten Reasons to Celebrate!

At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we have so many "Good News" stories to share with our stakeholders, we sometimes get overwhelmed with sharing them all!

But as we are so proud of the great daily happenings at our schools, here are the top ten highlights for you to also be excited that you have chosen the best public schools for your child's success.



1

Our Priority is Student Learning!

- Dedicated resources, funding and people, for improving literacy and numeracy skills from K-12.
- School Continuous Improvement Plans (SCIPs) outline strategies to assist children at-risk in their learning every 90 days to ensure that needs are being met throughout the school year.
- GYPSD staff's PD focuses on current student data so learning strategies meet learning outcomes.
- Learn more about Division data and strategies by reading the current [Education Plan and Alberta Education Assurance Measures Review](#) on the website.

2

Commitment to Indigenous Knowledge

GYPSD programs include:

- Indigenous Lead teacher in every school
- Indigenous Language and Culture Program partnership with the Hinton Friendship Centre at Crescent Valley School in Hinton
- Language learning options in Cree and Michif
- Annual province-wide Indigenous Education Camp
- Professional learning from Indigenous scholars and Elders
- [School-wide events](#) to spread understanding and build community.



3

Learning Blooms in Unique & Beautiful Outdoor Spaces

- GYPSD schools are blessed to be located in beautiful and unique communities from the majestic Rocky Mountains in Jasper National Park to the golden fields around the Pembina River in the east end of the Division
- Many schools offer specialized programs and options to take advantage of the unique landscape with outdoor classrooms, cultural land-based learning, and opportunities for teachers to refresh and expand their instructional practices and bolster student engagement.

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Staff Excellence



- Many staff are former GYPSD graduates.
- Several ASBA's Edwin Parr Award winners for first-year teachers are from GYPSD.
- National and provincial recognition for staff achievements.
- Welcome student teachers annually for practicums.
- First-year Teacher Mentor program.
- Aspiring Leaders program.
- Excellent professional growth funds to support staff learning.

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We Love our Buildings!

- A new build for the Jasper Junior/Senior High School in Jasper National Park which also won a 2015 Design Award for Outstanding Design of a New Construction
- A full-scale modernization for Grande Cache Community High School in 2017
- Construction of Mary Bergeron Elementary in Edson completed in 2018
- Currently in the build stage for Grand Trunk High School in Evansburg to go from a Grade 7-12 facility to K-12 with an anticipated completion in the next three years. Learn more by reading the current [Three Year Capital Plan and Ten-Year Facility Plan](#) at www.gypsd.ca

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We'll Get You Moving!

- Transport over 2,300 students to and from school on 53 routes covering more than 7,800 kms daily!
- Provide busing services to neighbouring division partners in Edson, Hinton, the Lobstick zone, and Grande Cache.
- Ridership is up over 15 per cent from last year due to advanced implementation of 2024/25 distance eligibility.
- Increase in school charter service for students' extra-curricular activities resulted in a whopping 275 percent increase last year
- In-house Driving School trained 13 drivers last year and already 14 in September and October this year
- New First Rider program initiated to assist early riders to get safely on and off the bus



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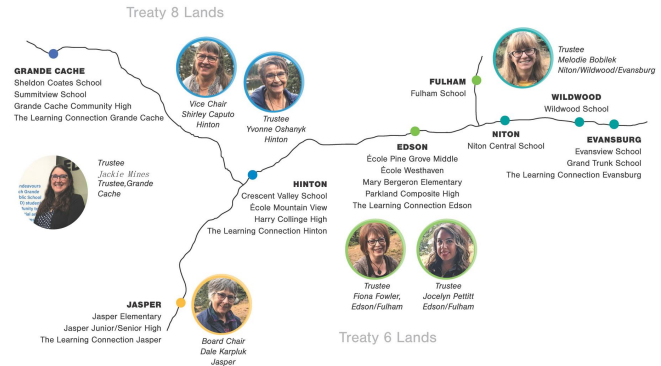
System Health & Wellness

- New division-wide Health and Wellness Committee in 2023
- In the 2022/2023 school year, the Board approved a fourth priority for the Division - System Health and Wellness
- Pyramid of Supports for students including coaches from the Bringing Empowered Students Together (BEST) mental health program, Family School Liaison Counselors (FSLC) in every school, support from a Division Psychologist, and new this year, Wellness Navigators located in our high schools.
- Updates to Board Policy 20 - Health and Wellness.
- Division partnership with EdCan through the Well at Work Initiative

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Board Advocacy Success

- More mental health supports (received a \$1.2 million grant for Wellness Navigators in each high school beginning September 2023)
- As of Spring 2023, bus drivers no longer require MELT training which aligns with other provinces' legislative requirements)
- Advocating for the reinstatement of the fuel contingency cap and for increases to Transportation funding.



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Keeping Parents in the Know

- New Division-wide digital report card accessible through the PowerSchool Parent Portal for all K-6 schools.
- Parents can now view in real-time on how well their child is achieving their learning outcomes throughout the school year versus the historical 'report card' sent home each term.
- You can learn more by visiting information on the website.
- Providing families with annual input and feedback opportunities.
- Monthly Board Brief emails and By-weekly Good News Stories to School Council Chairs and all staff.



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Students Shaping the Future

- In 2020 and again this year, a GYPSD student has been selected as a member of the Minister's Youth Council who provide input to the Minister of Education and government staff on provincial education initiatives. This year's member, **Jazlynn Mochniuk**, is a student at Grand Trunk High School in Evansburg.
- GYPSD's Superintendent Youth Council invites students from the five high schools to discuss core issues of high importance to students. One project from this group led to vape detectors installed in the majority of schools.
- Last spring HCHS students were invited to attend the Generative/Navigate Environmental Youth Leadership Summit as only one of 20 schools in both BC & AB.

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