

Livingstone Range School Division #68
Board of Trustees Key Messages
April 14, 2015



Following are the Board of Trustees Key Messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14th.

1. The Provincial Budget Impact on Livingstone Range School Division. Please refer to the following page.

2. Celebration of the Division Goals approved by the Board of Trustees.

1) Literacy and Numeracy

All students will acquire, connect and communicate meaning through literacy and numeracy in a wide variety of contexts.

2) Success for All Learners

All students are engaged in meaningful learning that is appropriate, enhances his or her abilities, and takes place in positive learning environments.

3) Transitions

The unique learning skills of individual students will be supported in K-12 transition plans and in preparing students for success after high school.

3. Regional Council of Student Learners

The Regional Council of Student Learners held a Leadership Conference in Pincher Creek at MHHS on March 28th. This conference was 100% student planned, led and carried out by our student leaders. An excellent day was held by all.

4. LRSD International Education Program

Our International Education Program has grown substantially over this past school year. Success is due to our safe, caring schools, our high standards and quality programs as well as the excellent homestay program.

We are always in need of homestay families. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact Julie Hutchinson at Central Office or email Julie at hutchinsonj@lrsd.ab.ca.



Provincial Budget Announcement & Impact

2015-2016 School Year

- 1) LRSD continues to analyze the impact of the Provincial Budget on LRSD schools and has a meeting set with AB Education personnel to acquire clarification of a few points.
- 2) However on first look the Provincial Budget that was announced will prove challenging to the LRSD.
- 3) The overall impact to LRSD is more costs with less funding.
- 4) The Provincial Gov't announced that they are providing funding to honor the teacher framework agreement
 - a) However the net impact of the announcement is less funding
 - b) In other words LRSD will be required to fund the provincially negotiated increases to teaching staff with less funding than the prior year.
 - c) LRSD will also need to fund the locally negotiated increases to support staff with less funding.
- 5) An ongoing challenge on top of the provincial announcement is the decline in student population in our rural communities. Fewer students mean less funding.
- 6) However the anticipated enrolment decline of over 3% was expected and is a challenge that can be planned for.
- 7) LRSD is committed to do our part in finding ways that we can be more efficient and effective with the diminished resources available to us.
- 8) We have already met with our school leadership group to discuss ways that we can improve divisionally as well as within individual schools under the new fiscal reality.
- 9) At times like this we will continue to ensure that our decisions reflect what is in the best interest of the students.

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