

Livingstone Range School Division #68

Superintendent Report

2019-2020 School Year



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For the Month of: November

Highlights

Functions & Meetings

- Board Retreat focused on vision, mission and values
- ASBA FGM--Great Professional Development sessions offered
- Teacher2Teacher session focused on Literacy and Numeracy in Livingstone Range School Division
- Inspiring Leadership sessions #2 & #3. Session 2—Principal panel talking about the joys and challenges of school leadership. Session 3—Leadership and & Effective Relationships, Leadership & Effective Communication
- Monthly Admin. Council meeting
- KBE ESA meeting—DRAFT ESA has gone through first legal review
- PBOE ESA meeting
- Regular Board meeting—Audited Financial Statement, 3 Yr Plan & AERR
- CASSIX meetings and Retirement Evening
- Advocacy Committee Meeting—Draft Terms of Reference created, idea bank developed
- School Visits—Stavely, WMES, WCCHS, ABD, JTF and MHHS
- Colony Minister's Meeting
- K&E Math Presentation CBE & AB Ed.
- OH&S Meeting
- Attended MHHS and WCCHS staff meetings
- Policy Committee Meeting
- Attended ATA Christmas Dinner & Scholarship presentations
- Wrote Eye on Education article, **Dear Santa**

Key Areas for Next Month

- Christmas Concert attendance
- Art Gala meeting
- ASBA Zone meeting
- Holidays

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I'm sorry it has been such a long time since you heard from me. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. I know you are very busy working hard to bring joy and happiness to children everywhere, and I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I think I need your help.

Alberta's economy is suffering. Unemployment is high and investor confidence is low. The provincial government is facing a difficult fiscal reality, and there are some tough decisions that are being made in government, in businesses and in private homes this year. Despite the difficulties that our province is facing, we still have one of the best education systems in the world. I am grateful to work in a province that places great value in supporting strong public education. I am grateful that we have continued funding from the Ministry of Education for school nutrition programs that help support families. Santa, I know you see every day how blessed we are in Alberta to have so many hard working professionals with the knowledge, skills, abilities and attributes that allow them to work day in and day out to support our children's educational progress. I am grateful for those who sacrifice and dedicate themselves to this most noble work.

Santa, if you will help me out with my wish list, I know Alberta will continue to benefit from the teachers, programs, facilities and systems that provide such a high quality education for our amazing young people.

My first wish Santa is for school jurisdictions to receive long term, predictable and sustainable funding, and adequate supports for the complex classrooms of today. My second wish is for ample mental health supports to allow schools to be more proactive and less reactive when assisting our most vulnerable students through difficult times. Third, I wish for a revised funding framework that recognizes the unique circumstances of rural schools, for sufficient transportation funding to provide reasonable ride times for students and for modernized facilities where learning is maximized because learning spaces are designed for education today. Finally, Santa, I wish for lower insurance rates. The recent hike of 274% is unsustainable and draws much needed resources away from students.

In return Santa, if you will grant these wishes, I know that Alberta's public schools will use their resources prudently. I assure you that Alberta will continue to attract the very best and brightest staff in the country to work in our schools. I am confident that stakeholders will be innovative and work together to redesign education in Alberta to operate even more effectively and efficiently.

With your help Santa, we can contribute through our education system to an Alberta that will always be a great place to for families to live and work.

Thank you Santa.

Oh, I almost forgot! We made an extra plate of delicious cookies for you to take home and share with Mrs. Claus. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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