



BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 27, 2023.

- 1) **First Nations, Métis and Inuit Support Update** – Joel Gamache, First Nations, Métis and Inuit leader/Placed-Based Learning Supervisor provided the Board with an update of the work being accomplished throughout the division. Currently there are 351 Self-Identified First Nation and Métis students registered within LRSD. The Division has 1 First Nations, Métis and Inuit Leader/Place-based Learning Supervisor, 1 Success Coach, 0.5 Educational Assistant, 2 FTE Teachers, 0.25 Admin Assistant and 4 Elders in Residence dedicated to supporting our Indigenous learners. There are many programming opportunities throughout our division such as; 1) Cultural programming a) Blackfoot cultural series, b) Elder led Site visits, c) Drum Making, d) Teaching circles, e) smudge teaching and f) Beadwork sessions; 2) Land-based programming a) Class visits encouraging land-based practices, b) In-STEM activities Tipi and Canoe, c) Land Camps. LRSD's plan for the future is to continue to build community relationships, include our Metis members and perspectives, gather information by meeting with schools and learning support teams, continue to target land-based approach to foster foundational knowledge and encourage a system of accountability regarding our quality standards (TQS, LQS, SLQS) and weaving Indigenous knowledge in to our schools.

For more information on our First Nations, Métis and Inuit information, please visit our webpage at <https://www.lrsd.ca/services/fnmi>

- 2) **Jordan's Principle Funding** – The Board of Trustees approve the setting up of a Contribution Agreement for the receipt of Jordan's Principle funding from the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. The length of the agreement will be for two years starting April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2025. This federal funding will provide additional support for the needs of our Indigenous learners.
- 3) **Granum & Nanton Engagement Updates** –
 - a) Granum Engagement Session was held February 28, 2023. Trustee Gimber, Granum Solution Ad Hoc Committee Chair, informed the Board of Trustees that the session included many groups from Granum, was well attended and the session was a great success. The Board of Trustees are committed to finding a solution to keep the Granum School open. There was lots of discussion on the possibility of a joint use facility to help the community thrive as a whole. The second engagement session scheduled for March 27, 2023 unfortunately has been postponed with a new date to be announced shortly.
 - b) Nanton Engagement Session was held March 2, 2023 with community members coming out to discuss potential partnerships and programming. Trustee Toone, Nanton Solution Ad Hoc Committee Chair, informed the Board that it was a good chance for round table/smaller group discussions. There will be an upcoming engagement with the Municipalities (Town of Nanton, MD of Willow Creek and the MD of

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Ranchland) and the Nanton School Advisory Committee. This meeting will discuss how to move forward now that the Nanton schools have been approved by Alberta Education.

Monthly updates will continue for both Granum and Nanton solutions.

- 4) **Regional Southwest Skills Competition** - The Board of Trustees would like to extend a congratulations to all who participated in the South West Regional Skills Canada Competition held on March 18, 2023. The Regional Skills events showcase trades and technology occupations and reward students for their performance and commitment to these career paths. The Regional Competition is designed to develop a career awareness strategy that motivates youth to consider trades and technology occupations as a first-choice career option. The following top LRSD performers have earned a spot to compete at the 31st Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC), On May 3 & 4 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre:

Auto Service – 1st Place - Austin Willms – Matthew Halton High School

Baking – 2nd Place – Nevaeh MacKinnon – Livingstone School

Cabinet Making – 2nd Place – Grady Mackintosh – Matthew Halton High School

Carpentry – 3rd Place – Nathan Mitchell – Matthew Halton High School

Culinary Arts – 2nd Place – Sarah Yagos – Livingstone School

Culinary Arts – 3rd Place – Carter Oakes - Willow Creek Composite High School

Photography – 1st Place – Cordelia Yip – F.P. Walshe School

Video Production – 1st Place – Sophia Groves – Crowsnest Consolidated High School

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This is an amazing accomplishment and we are so proud of the students and appreciate the great instruction and support of LRSD staff preparing our students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in these career paths! Their hard work and dedication have paid off and they are an inspiration to us all. We cannot wait to see what they do next and we know that they will continue to succeed in everything they do. Congratulations again, we are so proud of you all!

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