

BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2023. Each month the Board Key Messages are shared at School Council Meetings. See your school's website for information about upcoming meetings and agendas.

1) Family School Liaison Counsellor (FSLC) Program Presentation – Holly Stewart, Registered Psychologist, LRSD Clinical Team Lead presented to the Board of Trustees regarding the Family School Liaison Counsellor Program in the division. The focus of this program is student support. This is accomplished by assisting students with preventative mental health and wellness education, emotion regulation, coping with stress and anxiety, peer relationships, character and self-esteem building and crisis response (risk assessments, safety planning).

The FSLC program has obtained a Mental Health in Schools Pilot Program grant. This two year pilot program will grant the division \$630,000. Last year, we were able to provide services that go above and beyond the services that we've provided previously in order to enhance student functioning and stability. We were able to add two mental health therapists to our health and wellness program allowing us to provide additional mental health services in our buildings. In addition, we have also contracted other specialized services. These interventions aim to enhance student, staff, and family understanding of student needs and how to better support them. Services are provided through parent counselling, family therapy, and school staff professional development. These services are helping families and staff to be better able to support some of the most challenging mental health and/or learning needs of our students.

This year we were also able to launch the Integrated Student Support Program (ISSP) at WAD elementary. This is thanks to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation (CPYF). The ISSP is a comprehensive health model that provides children in elementary schools, that are located in higher need communities, with prevention and early intervention wraparound supports such as meal programs, after school care, structured physical education, access to a mental health professional, and other community supports including police, social workers and health care professionals The CPYF selected Fort MacLeod as an area of great need. They have provided the funding required to hire a full time mental health therapist to work specifically in WAD for three years as part of their ISSP pilot.

2) Annual Education Results Report (AERR) – The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Education Results Report (2022-23). Darryl Seguin, Superintendent reviewed the AERR with the Board of Trustees and can be found on our website at <u>LRSD Annual Education Results Report.</u>

Every student, every day.

3) Audited Financial Statements - the Board of Trustees approved the Audited Financial Statements for Livingstone Range School Division for the period ended August 31, 2023. Included with the audited financial statements, Mr. Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, reviewed the LRSD Fact Sheet. For more information please see our website at <u>Financial Reports.</u>