



**Grande Prairie
Public School
Division**
Every Student Succeeds

April 22, 2025

Board Highlights



ANNUAL EMPLOYEE WELLNESS REPORT

Director of Human Resources, Tammie Maurer and Director of Inclusive Learning, Nancy Gorgichuk presented the Annual Employee Wellness Report to the Board. The purpose of the report is to provide information to the Board of Trustees and provide assurance that the Division is committed to fostering a workplace that prioritizes wellness, engagement, and psychological health and safety. Highlights included an overview of the 9 elements of wellness that guides the work of the division in supporting employee wellness and a review of staff satisfaction with various wellness initiatives, including the division employee wellness day.



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LOCAL PODIUM EVENT AT GRANDE PRAIRIE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Chair Nellis, Trustee Martin, Deputy Superintendent Robinson, Associate Superintendent Oladele, Principal Vobeyda, and GPPSD System Directors attended a funding announcement with MLA Nolan Dyck on April 11, 2025 for design funding for a permanent addition to Grande Prairie Composite High School which was approved in the 2025 Provincial Budget.



Images: MLA Dyck discusses expansion funding, MLA Dyck and Chair Nellis mark the occasion with a photo, and Principal Dennis Vobeyda outlines growth plans for Grande Prairie Composite High School.

TEACHER BURSARY UPDATE

The 2025 Teacher Bursary Program attracted strong interest, with 60 applications received from students and graduates in their first through final years of the Bachelor of Education program. Four applicants in their final year of the program were awarded employment contracts and a \$5000 bursary. The successful candidates brought strengths in areas such as French Immersion, Secondary Education, Indigenous Studies, and demonstrated flexibility in their teaching interests. Additionally, 3 more bursaries will be made available to year 3 teachers.

2025/2026 DIVISION FUNDING PROFILE

On March 25, Alberta Education released the 2025/26 Funding Profile for school divisions, followed by the Funding Manual about a week later. GPPSD's overall funding for the next school year increased by \$3.8 million (4.1%). Next steps for the Board of Trustees include the development and finalization of the 2025-2026 budget, with approval and submission to Alberta Education at the end of May.

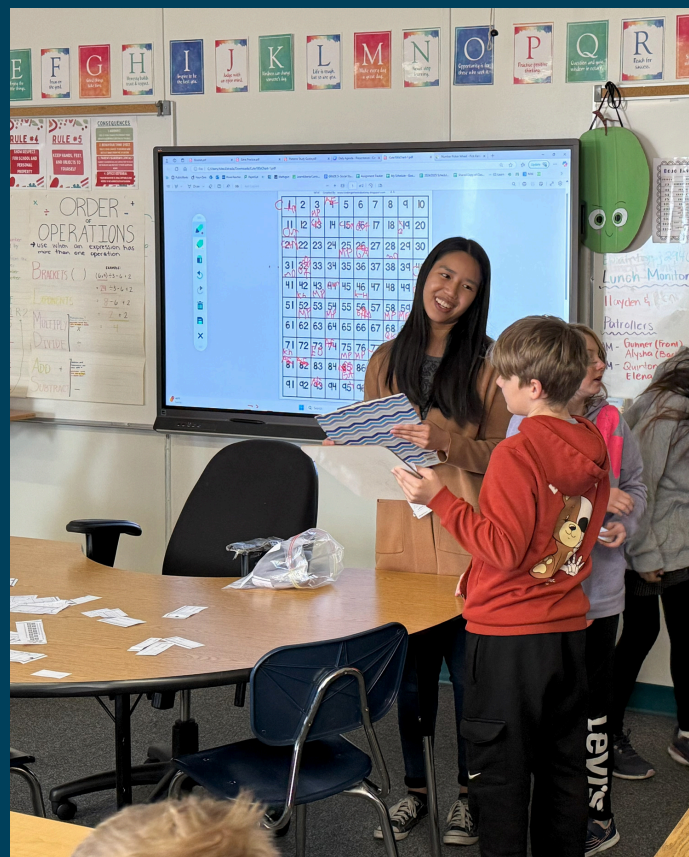
CAREER PATHWAYS “CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE” ENGAGEMENT

Development of the Career Pathways Framework began in the spring of 2024. The framework serves as a foundational structure that provides clarity and coherence of career education, emphasizing the interconnectedness of PK-12 education, families, industry, post-secondary, and community partners. The April 22nd engagement, taking place at Grande Prairie Composite High School Theatre and available virtually, was open to all parents, students, community and industry members. The evening consisted of a one-hour session for parents, students, community and industry, presented by our Careers School Engagement Coordinator, to learn more about: High School Completion Requirements, CTS – Career and Technology Studies Programming, Work Experience Programming, Registered Apprenticeship Programming, and Dual Credit Programming.

Director Kim Frykas and Principal Dennis Vobeyda will present the division's work in this area at the May 13 Board Meeting.

ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD NOMINATION

The Board approved the nomination for Ailee Estrada, a grade 5 teacher at Hillside Community School, for the 2025 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Award. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes outstanding first-year teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the Teaching Quality Standard. The board is very pleased to nominate Ms. Estrada and looks forward to attending the Zone 1 recognition meeting in the fall.





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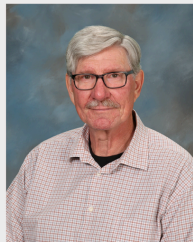
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JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FUNDING UPDATE

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) recently announced changes to the Jordan's Principle (JP) program. These changes are being made to narrow the scope of eligible requests, ensuring the program better aligns with its original intent and remains sustainable long-term. For GPPSD, these changes will affect 56 Educational Assistants (EAs), whose JP-funded contracts will not be renewed after June 30th. Administration is currently exploring ways to manage the impact of this change to the division.

2025 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROUND TABLE

As members of the Grande Prairie and District Chamber of Commerce for over 25 years, the Division was invited to participate in the 2025 annual Chamber of Commerce Round table event, held on April 4, 2025. Attended by Vice-Chair Donna Koch and Deputy Superintendent James Robinson, the event provided the opportunity to share information about the Division with members of the public sector and business and industry partners in the region. Opportunities to connect with the community are very important to the Board and this event highlighted the importance of community partnerships.

Board Meetings

6:00 p.m., Central Office Board Room,
Grande Prairie Public School Division

Future Board Meetings

May 13, 2025

May 25, 2025

June 10, 2025

Individuals or groups who wish to make comment on any specific item on the agenda of a Board meeting are required to register with the Board Office by noon of the day of the Board meeting. The full Board Policy 7 can be found on our website



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