

Board Highlights



2024 TERRY FOX RUN

Over 10,000 schools across Canada participated and raised close to \$14 million dollars. We are grateful to the staff and students of the nine Grande Prairie Public Schools who participated this year. Among the participating schools, Ecole Montrose and Isabel Campbell Public School were noted as being in the top 5 Alberta schools, for their grade configuration. Ecole Montrose was celebrated as the top fundraising school in the province, raising over \$20,000. Appreciation is extended to Principals Matt Pepper and Teresa Rawlyk and their staff for providing this opportunity for our students to be part of the Terry Fox Run.



LOSING SCHOOLS STAFF WEARS THE OTHER SCHOOL'S JERSEYS "OUR BATTLE BENEFITS CANCER RESEARCH"



2025-2027 - YEAR 2 UPDATE OF 3-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN

The Board approved the year 2 update to the Division's 2025-2027 3-Year Education Plan. The 3 priority areas (Teaching & Learning, Belonging, and Leading) and the specific outcomes and strategies identified in the plan are based on the efforts and engagement of school-based staff to develop each school's 3-Year Plan. Evidence of student growth and achievement and stakeholder satisfaction from a variety of different sources are used at the school and division level to support identification of priorities. The current 3-year education plan represents a refinement of the previous plan and is presented to guide the continuous improvement of the school division. The Board thanked the District Education Team for all their efforts in developing the updated 3-Year Education Plan.







DIVISION 2025/2026 BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board reviewed and approved the 2025/2026 Budget, which reflects a strategic, student-focused approach aligned with the Board's guiding principles. The budget maintains all existing allocations to schools, addresses a 1.4% enrolment increase with additional staffing, and continues to prioritize mental health, inclusive education, early intervention, and curriculum implementation. The board approved submitting a \$950,767 deficit for 2025-2026, to be covered by the use of reserves. The board also reviewed a 3-year budget forecast based on projected enrolments that will be more balanced and sustainable in future years. The Board expressed appreciation to Associate Superintendent Oladele, Division leadership, and finance staff for their work on the budget.





2025 HONOURING SPIRIT STUDENT AWARD HONOURABLE MENTION

Congratulations are extended to Charles Spencer High School student Meilea Lafontaine, who received an honourable mention for the Alberta School Board's Association 2025 Honouring Spirit Student Award. The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award recognizes 12 First Nations, Métis or Inuit students (Kindergarten - Grade 12) who attend a school in Alberta, operated by an ASBA member school board, who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths.



2025 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA STUDENT AWARD



Congratulations are extended to grade 6 student Tarena Khalsa, from Hillside Community School, who has been awarded one of the Alberta School Boards Association's Lieutenant Governor of Alberta's student awards. The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award recognizes nine students (Grade 6, 9 and 11) who attend a school in Alberta, operated by an ASBA member school, who have shown tremendous growth in developing skills to better themselves through determination, initiative and independence, leading to their improvement and success both academically and personally.



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Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings June 10, 2025



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PUBLIC SURVEY TO INFORM THE SELECTION AND AVAILABILITY OF SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS

Chair Nellis commented on the survey from the Minister of Education and Childcare that was made available to the public on May 26, 2025 regarding new standards that would provide consistent requirements for school boards in selecting and managing school library collections. Deputy Superintendent Robinson confirmed that none of the books listed as exemplars in the survey are, or ever were, in GPPSD school library collections. Deputy Robinson also described the Division's Administrative Procedure 250 - School Libraries (Learning Commons) that describes how principals and library technicians, along with students and teachers, collectively work to establish and maintain library collections that are responsibly and ethically curated. As more information is made available by Alberta Education in the 2025-2026 school year, it will be shared with school communities and updates to AP250 will be considered.





