

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Grande Prairie Public School Division



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SUMMER SCHOOL SUMMARY

Deputy Superintendent Robinson and Director of System Planning, Kimberly Frykas, provided the board with an overview of the division's summer school programming, which ran from July 2 – July 25, 2025. Participation in summer school is a strategy that many students choose to increase flexibility in their timetables during the school year. The division's grade 9-12 summer school session provided flexible learning options for division students, and in its second year of operation saw an increase in the number of high school credits earned by GPPSD students.



TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATES FOR 2025-2026

All GPPSD schools and the division office will have telephone-assisted live interpretation services for parents beginning the first day of school. Posters advertising the service in a variety of languages are placed in school offices and information is available on the division's website to promote the service to parents. More information can be found in the parent's section of the division website at <https://www.gppsd.ab.ca/our-students-parents/interpreting-services>.

ALBERTA EDUCATION LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT DATE UPDATES

Based on feedback from the June Literacy and Numeracy Screening Survey, Alberta Education and Childcare is making changes to the elementary literacy and numeracy screening assessment dates in the fall and winter sessions. Feedback was provided by Alberta teachers and leaders that the assessments were delivered too early, and for the current year, the administration of the screens will begin one week later.

The specific dates for the 2025/26 school year are as follows:

- Fall screening dates from September 15 to October 3, 2025.
- Winter screening dates from January 19 to February 6, 2026.
- Spring screening dates from May 11 to 29, 2026.



ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION MEETING MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The fall professional learning session discussed with School Council Chairs has been arranged with the Alberta School Councils Association Executive Director and is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 18. School Council Chairs and principals will be asked to share the information with their school councils to encourage participation. The event will proceed once a majority of school councils confirm, with further details to follow after September 12.



Board Meetings

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

Future Board Meetings

September 9, 2025
September 23, 2025
October 14, 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



GRANDE PRAIRIE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION - DESIGN

The Division has received confirmation of design funding from the Province for the planned expansion of the Composite High School, which was announced in March as part of Alberta Education's Capital Plan. This funding allows the Division to proceed with the design phase of the project in preparation for construction. On August 8, 2025, the Associate Superintendent and Director of Maintenance and Operations met with representatives from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure to review the preliminary scope and budget. The next step is to finalize the project agreement with the Province. Once approved, internal work can begin to support a timely launch.



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