

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

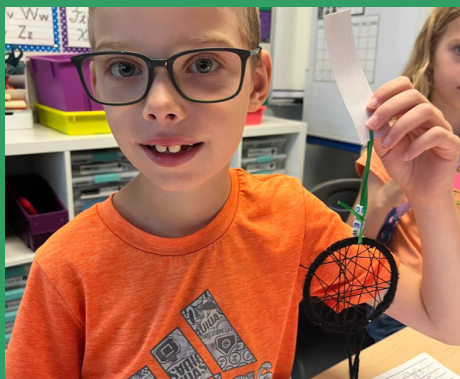
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ANNUAL SCHOOL-BASED PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

To prepare for the community events planned for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, students in grades K-8 collaboratively created a Flower Garden of Reconciliation by tracing and cutting handprints, forming petals around large circles, and writing short reflections on reconciliation and the meaning of Every Child Matters. The flowers have been displayed school wide as a visual symbol of unity, healing, and collective learning on Orange Shirt Day. At the Composite High School, an Indigenous studies class beaded orange shirt pins for students. Individual classrooms integrated resources from the Chanie Wenjack Secret Path story into their instructional time. In addition to raising their teepee at the school and incorporating into lessons, all classes at Charles Spencer High School classes received a lesson on ReconciliACTION.

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SCORES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The SCORES Technical Committee met on September 23, 2025. Items discussed included the labour disruption impact; extended booking fee; multi-sport dome project; and Legion Field upgrades. Both GPPSD and GPCSD will honour existing user group bookings, and no new bookings will be accepted during the strike.



ANNUAL STUDENT ENROLMENT SUMMARY

Director of System Planning, Kimberly Frykas, presented the summary of division student enrolment, as of September 29, 2025. The Board reviewed the five-year division enrolment trend, a comparison to the budget enrolment projection, a detailed comparison by grade, and an overview of enrolment trends and analysis of student transfer information. While an increase in enrolments was projected as part of the budget submitted in May 2025, for the first time since 2020-2021, the division realized a small decrease in the total number of students. This is largely due to a decrease in the number of students enrolling from outside of Alberta.





LABOUR DISRUPTION PLANNING

As the labour disruption continues, system administration staff are supporting all division non-instructional staff with professional learning opportunities and other work-related activities. Additionally, Alberta Education and Childcare has released a toolkit for parents to support their children at home. The government is also providing financial support for parents of children age 12 and under and for children age 5 to 17 with active Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) agreements to help with extra costs they incur while the teacher strike is ongoing. Detailed information, including an online toolkit to supplement instruction received in schools prior to the disruption, is available online at <https://www.alberta.ca/parent-supports-during-school-closure>.

Board Meetings

6:00 p.m., Central Office Board Room
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UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Preparations for the upcoming municipal and school board trustee election on October 20, 2025 are well underway. Seven (7) trustees will be elected for the division and staff from Information Technology and Maintenance are working closely with the City of Grande Prairie to coordinate logistics, as five school sites will be used as polling stations: Lion's Learning Center, Aspen Grove, Maude Clifford, I.V. Macklin, and Riverstone.



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