



# Board Highlights



## **HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARD**

The Board was thrilled to hear that Paige Aubichon, a grade 9 student from Grande Prairie Composite High School, was recently recognized by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) as one of 12 students selected for the provincial Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award.

These awards recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while (cont).

celebrating the ways of their people. The ASBA acknowledged Paige as being a resilient and sociable leader. She is an active member of her school's beading club and has been beading regalia and earrings with her mother and grandmother for years. Paige is a dancer who advocates for young members of the Traditional Paths community dance group.

Paige is keen to gain more knowledge and cultural teachings and wants to become a voice for the importance of culture and education. Congratulations Paige!

## **GPPSD EDWIN PARR AWARD NOMINEE**



The Board is pleased to nominate Rayanne Beby, an inspiring first-year grade 5/6 teacher at Riverstone Public School, as GPPSD's nominee for the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award.

The Board heard that as a first-year teacher, Rayanne has quickly distinguished herself with her commitment to leadership, inclusivity and support in her classroom. Her teaching style includes respect, integrity and a deep care for her students.

Taking advantage of the division's new teacher mentorship program and through her own critical reflection, Rayanne has significantly advanced her instructional strategies in a short time. Her evidence-based teaching methods boost her students' academic preparation and social-emotional skills.

The Board was also pleased to hear (cont)

Rayanne is a GPPSD high school graduate and achieved her teaching degree from the Teacher Education North Program at Northwestern Polytechnic. Congratulations Rayanne!

## **GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PATs)**

Alberta Education has announced that Grade 6 PATs in English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics will not be administered in May and June 2024.

Grade 6 PATs in all other subjects will continue as planned. Alberta Education will field test newly developed assessments in these subjects between April and June 2024. Parents with questions about this year's PATs should speak to their child's principal.

Schools participating in the optional implementation of the new Grade 6 Science, French First Language Arts and Literature and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature curriculums will not be required to administer PATs for these subjects in May and June 2024 and can choose to participate in field testing for these subjects.





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## ALBERTA EDUCATION CELLPHONE SURVEY

The Minister of Education announced on April 16th that Alberta Education is conducting a survey of Alberta's school division staff and parents to learn more about beliefs regarding the use of cellphones and personal devices in class. Input from this targeted engagement will help inform potential future government direction.

The Minister's announcement identified increasing student cellphone use and noted that while they can be positive teaching aids, they can also pose dangers and disrupt learning in class.

Staff and parents are invited to share views about the future of student cellphone use in schools.

The survey is open until May 3rd and is available online at: [https://your.alberta.ca/cellphones-in-schools/survey\\_tools/en](https://your.alberta.ca/cellphones-in-schools/survey_tools/en).



### Board Meetings

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

#### Future Board Meetings

- May 14, 2024
- May 28, 2024
- June 11, 2024

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

