



# Board Highlights

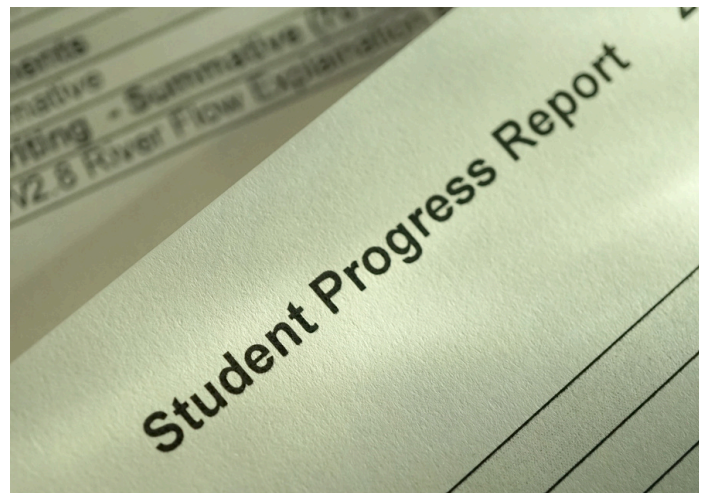


## **ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD DEVELOPMENT**

The Board heard an update from GPPSD's Elementary Report Card Working Group on its progress in preparing a new Kindergarten -Grade 6 report card to align with the new Alberta Education provincial curriculum. The working group is in the final stages of collecting school feedback in preparation for use during the first reporting period.

Teacher resources to support their understanding and use of the new report card have been developed

by the working group and reviewed at schools. A Guide for Parents/Guardians has also been developed and will be made available at each school.



# GPPSD ORANGE SHIRT DAY



In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Board was pleased to watch a video created by GPPSD's Indigenous Liaison Team. The video showcased the Reconciliation Tree Project, which took place in K-8 schools. The video was also played for students during GPPSD's Orange Shirt Day event on September 30th.

Led by Krista Umble, the division's Indigenous Program Coordinator, the Reconciliation Tree Project helped students and staff further understand how individuals in our communities are part of a bigger picture, with relationships to the land, our community, and each other. Trustees expressed appreciation to the team and school staff for their work in providing an opportunity for our school communities to share what Truth and Reconciliation means to them.



## DUAL CREDIT FUNDING

The division recently received a grant from Alberta Education to support its work with Northwestern Polytechnic to create new opportunities for dual credit high school courses in the areas of health, sciences, technology, engineering and math.

Dual Credit courses are courses that high school students can enroll in during their grade 11 and 12 years. The courses allow them to earn high school credits towards their grade 12 diploma and post-secondary credits towards a certificate, diploma, or degree.

The Board was informed about the importance for all parents/guardians to know these opportunities exist, as it is an excellent opportunity for students who are interested and ready to explore future career interests while in high school, at no cost, rather than paying to take courses after high school.

More information about pathways through high school will be shared later, throughout the school year, with staff, students and parents/guardians.



## DIVISION ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Director of System Planning Kimberly Frykas provided Trustees with an analysis of the division's student enrollment numbers. Enrollment reporting must be submitted to the Alberta Government by the end of September.

Division enrolments increased by 1.36%, which is slightly lower than expected based on the growth trends of the past two years. Trustees were provided with an analysis of the enrollment changes for the current year and reviewed the impact on division schools.





# Grande Prairie Public School Division

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## 2025-2026 CALENDAR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Board received an update on the 2025-2026 school calendar development process, following meetings with neighbouring school divisions to align as many key dates and breaks as possible, to provide consistency in the greater Grande Prairie area.

A calendar recommendation will be brought forward to the Board for consideration before the Christmas Break and engagement sessions will occur at school staff and school council meetings. The sessions will review the factors that influence calendar development, such as provincial testing schedules, shared busing, and the division's professional learning structure. Feedback regarding each group's priorities will be collected to inform final decision making.

### Board Meetings

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

#### Future Board Meetings

- October 22, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 26, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 10, 2025
- January 28, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- February 25, 2025
- March 11, 2025
- March 25, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- May 25, 2025
- June 10, 2025

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