



## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

September 28, 2021 Board Meeting

**Draft K-6 Curriculum Engagement:** In June, Alberta Education requested its educational partners to obtain feedback on the draft K-6 curriculum from their respective memberships. In response, the College of Alberta School Superintendents will be providing expert feedback to Alberta Education in the coming weeks on the following reporting outcomes:

- areas of strengths and opportunities in the draft K-6 curriculum;
- potential adjustments to the scope of learning;
- recommendations on age appropriateness;
- potential refinements to the sequencing of learning;
- perspectives on the content load; and
- supports needed by school authorities and teachers as part of planning for provincial implementation.

**Early Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Grant:** Testing of grade 2 and 3 students is underway at WRSD's nine elementary schools. Students were identified as possibly needing additional support by classroom teachers and then literacy and numeracy assessments are given. That data will be submitted to Alberta Education and they will allocate funding for a 16 week intervention for the students below grade level expectations. Grade 1 students will be added to the program in January.

**English Language Learners (ELL) Audit:** Alberta Education has added testing requirements to maintain funding for students who are ELL. Learning Services has been testing each of our students in September to maintain funding and update records.

**Indigenous Languages in Education Update:** We have been granted an extension to December 30, 2021. This will allow us to access a 3-D Animator to support our videos. Murals based on our Elder stories have been completed. Once the videos are complete we will provide access to the videos that the murals are depicted for students and staff in our high schools and outreaches to access. We have 6 videos that we will be able to offer our schools.

### **Student Services:**

- We have hired Registered Nurse Miranda Shannon for 12 hours per month to support our division. She will assist school staff in the development of Medical Management and Response Plans, identify and offer best practice protocols and provide in service and/or resources as needed. The support will be fluid according to need. This position replaces the AHS position that was eliminated due to the elimination of the Central Alberta Regional Collaborative Service Delivery.

- Pre Kindergarten: We have filled all of our stand alone Pre K programs in Rocky, Caroline and Drayton Valley. We have Kindergarten/Pre K combined programs at Condor, Breton and Drayton Christian Schools. We introduced a pre K screening assessment in May and were able to identify 60% of our students with speech and language delays. This has allowed us to identify children who need support and prepare for intervention early in September. It also allows us to access funding which helps to support our Pre K programs. We believe that these high numbers may be due to families inability to access community support during COVID. We are also supporting teachers with the Hanon Teacher Talk professional learning which focuses on speech and language development. It is also worthy to note that we have assessed and identified PreK students under the criteria for Gifted and Talented who will also receive additional support.

#### **Corridor Schools:**

- Charlotte Small Elementary School (New)
  - Site work is well under way with deep services being installed and foundation work well underway. Once foundations are complete, steel and block work will begin.
- David Thompson High School (New)
  - Site grading is underway and deep services are being installed. Foundation work is to begin as contractors complete their work in Condor.

#### **HW Pickup Replacement School:**

- Design has been completed to the point where proposals from design build firms are able to be accepted.
- A virtual public meeting was held on September 14th with representatives from the Town of Drayton Valley, Wild Rose School Division and Helix Engineering present to discuss the new school location and the recent Traffic Impact Assessment completed for Alberta Infrastructure.
- The next major milestones will be:
  - Approval of development permit by the Town of Drayton Valley
  - Awarding the contract for the construction of the school to a design builder