



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

October 16, 2018 Board Meeting

1. **2018-19 Student Enrollment:** As of September 30, 2018, the WRSD 2018-19 student enrollment count was 4,743 students. This is a reduction of 53 students from our September 30, 2017 enrollment count. In terms of funding, we ended up with 7 more full time equivalent students than what we had projected in May, 2018 when preparing our 2018-19 budget. We also ended up with 53 more students in our two Outreach schools than what we had projected in May 2018. In October 2018 we added certified staff to 3 different schools that had unexpected enrollment increases totalling approximately 1.0 FTE.

2. **Drayton Valley Public Meeting** - On November 1, 2018 the WRSD board of trustees and administration will be hosting a public meeting in Drayton Valley to discuss grade configurations and attendance boundaries once the new Evergreen School opens in January 2021. We will be sending a Thought Exchange survey to all the parents of our Drayton Valley schools where they can post their thoughts on 2 scenarios:

- (1) what are your thoughts about the three elementary schools in Drayton valley consisting of 2 grades each (k/1, 2/3, and 4/5)
- (2) what are your thoughts about all three elementary schools in Drayton Valley having grades k-5.

Parents will also be encouraged to submit thoughts on any other topics related to the new school including hybrid ideas for the above two scenarios, the name of the new replacement school, etc. The Thought Exchange survey will be sent to parents one week prior to the public meeting and will remain open for one week following the meeting. The feedback from the public meeting and the survey will help guide the board and administration as they prepare for a new school opening in Drayton Valley in January 2021. The public meeting on November 1, 2018 will begin at 7:00pm at Frank Maddock High School.

3. **Fall Umbrella School Council Meeting:** On November 13, 2018 the WRSD board of trustees and administration will be hosting their annual fall Umbrella School Council meeting at Frank Maddock High School in Drayton Valley. Representatives from all of the schools councils in WRSD are invited to attend. The agenda for this meeting will include:

5:30 - Supper

6:15 - School Council sharing of best practices

6:45 - Presentation from WRSD

7:15 - Large Group discussion moderated by the Superintendent of Schools

8:30 - Dismissal

An email was sent to all of our school principals and school council chairs, promoting this event and asking for topics they would like to discuss at the meeting. This event provides an excellent opportunity for parents to network, share ideas, discuss issues and ask questions with school board trustees and division office administration. Please note that we will be hosting our annual spring umbrella school council meeting in Rocky Mountain House on March 12, 2019.

- 4. Frequency of Criminal Record Checks and Intervention Record Check for Volunteers:** WRSD administration is recommending an update to [Administrative Procedure 490: Volunteers](#) such that it will require all volunteers at our schools, including parents, to update their criminal record check and intervention record check every three years. Currently, we only require a one-time submission for parent volunteers and a three year renewal cycle for non-parent volunteers. After discussions at several school councils within WRSD and looking into the practice of other school divisions in Alberta, we have determined that a renewal requirement is advisable for parent volunteers as well. This will need to include a process for tracking and automatic notifications regarding when volunteer checks have expired. Since this represents a significant change to AP490, we have informed our stakeholders and posted the [draft changes](#) on our website in order to receive feedback for a period of one month, prior to finalizing any changes to AP490.
- 5. Oct 2018 Accountability Pillar Results:** The [October 2018 Accountability Pillar results](#) update the May 2018 Accountability Pillar results in only the following 4 measures. These 4 updates are based on our June 2018 provincial exam results.

WRSD Results	2017-18 Results	2016-17 Results	Previous 3 year Average
PAT: Acceptable	72.2	71.1	71.7
PAT Excellence	14.1	15.7	14.5
Diploma: Acceptable	79.9	81.6	80.3
Diploma: Excellence	14.7	13.4	13.3

On all 4 of these measures our *Achievement* was ranked as intermediate, our *Improvement* ranked as maintained and *Overall* ranked as Acceptable. Our schools continue to analyze our provincial exam results and multi-year trends each year, looking for specific areas in need of improvement. The other 12 measures on the October 2018 Accountability Pillar results are unchanged from the [May 2018 Accountability Pillar results](#).

6. **WRSD Wellness Steering Committee Update:** The University of Alberta Wellness Fund has just opened a grant for maintaining the work of our Wellness Committee. We hope to have funding in place by early December. Even without formal funding, the Committee hopes to create a staff survey in November as a needs assessment to drive the work of the committee and continue on its work from last year.