



Board Highlights - August 19, 2025

2028 Summer Games

WRSD recently received a request to write a letter in support for the Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County's bid for the 2028 Summer Games. The Board discussed and agreed to write a letter in support of their bid. They also directed administration to write a letter to the bid committee outlining the projected costs that would be incurred by the school board, to ensure that proper insurance is in place and that the use of our schools is managed appropriately.

School Board Property Disposition Update

The Alberta Government completed its assessment of the land from the old David Thompson High School on Highway 11 under the *Real Property Governance Act, Education Act, and Disposition of Property Regulation*. Under these acts, It was determined that WRSD is to transfer this property to Alberta Infrastructure for zero dollars. Also under the above mentioned acts and regulation, the property from the old HW Pickup School has been transferred back to the Town of Drayton Valley, as this was municipal reserve land. WRSD left several upgrades on the property including curbs and pavement. Under the above mentioned acts the Breton Elementary Property has been identified as having no other present or future government use and therefore, WRSD has been directed to follow the Disposition of Property regulation.

Before and After School Care - Lochearn

Parents at Lochearn Elementary who had previously benefited from a valued service at the school have contacted the Division with concerns about its discontinuation. WRSD remains committed to supporting community services wherever possible. In alignment with [WRSD Policy 23 – Surplus Space](#), all leased space within the Division must remain cost-neutral. This means WRSD neither profits from nor subsidizes the program's use of our facilities.

Following a detailed review, the associated costs of leasing space at both École Rocky Elementary and Lochearn Elementary were shared with the service provider. Ultimately, the service provider made the decision to consolidate operations and continue offering services at École Rocky Elementary only.

Recognizing the important role this service plays in supporting families, the WRSD Board has committed to advocating on behalf of the community. The Board will be appealing to the Minister for potential funding and resource solutions, especially now that child care falls under the same Ministry as education.

Social Media Litigation

The Board heard from representatives of Cumming and Gillespie, an Alberta law firm who is bringing a mass tort litigation on behalf of school boards for the harm that social media is causing students and schools. They are closely monitoring precedent setting cases in Ontario and the United States. Although the firm will receive monetary compensation if successful, it will also bring a heightened awareness to the issues that social media has on our youth.

Superintendent's Report

Rocky Christian School Construction Update, Capital Projects, Summer School, Indigenous Education, IT Services - Shared Services Infrastructure Renewal, Inclusive Services Professional Learning Plan, School Libraries and Bill 27.