

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

August 24, 2021

For Immediate Release

Locally Developed Courses

The Board approved the Division's use of the following Locally Developed Courses:

- *Calculus Advanced 35*, from St. Albert School Division
- *Literature and Composition 25*, from Parkland School Division
- *Academic Achievement through English Language Development 15, 25 and 35*, from the Calgary Board of Education

2021 Board Election

Trustees reviewed Board election processes relating to special ballots and Election Officers.

Alberta School Board elections take place on Monday, October 18, 2021. Community members with a passion for public education and community service are encouraged to run for a position as trustee. The nomination deadline is by noon on September 20, 2021.

Northern Gateway Public Schools has a nine-member Board of Trustees representing local communities from Alberta Beach and Onoway in the east end of our Division, up Highway 43 to Valleyview in the north west end of our Division. To learn more about the role of a school board trustee, or running for a position, please visit us at ngps.ca or the Alberta School Boards Association at asba.ab.ca.

PSBAA Longstanding Service Awards

Congratulations to NGPS Board Trustees, Gerry Steinke and Sherry Jeffreys, who were awarded Longstanding Service Awards this year from the Public School Boards Association of Alberta. The Awards recognize significant contribution to trusteeship.

Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant will provide each school council with \$500 to improve communication and engagement with parents in their local communities. The funds may be used for engagement activities such as broadening the number of school events that include parents, diversifying communication tools used by councils and activities that seek out the advice of other parents.

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Career Exposure Summer Boot Camp Highlights

The 2021 Career Exposure Summer Boot Camps offered virtually and in-person at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School and Onoway Jr/Sr High School over the summer proved to be very popular with students once again.

- Week 1 saw 74 students registered in 8 different programs, earning a total of 208 credits!
- Week 2 saw 95 students registered in 10 programs, earning a total of 132 credits!
- Students in Industrial Safety earned 6 safety tickets including WHMIS, Confined Spaces, Ladder Safety, Fire Suppression, TDG and H2 Alive!
- Students in Start Your Own Business competed for \$500 seed money from Community Futures to begin their own business!
- Construction students built two playhouses that were donated to the Whitecourt Agricultural Society and the Valleyview Agricultural Society.

NGPS' summer boot camps were open to all students regardless of what school division they attend. In addition to NGPS students, the Division hosted students from Living Waters, Pembina Hills, Edmonton Public, Peace Wapiti and Rockyview school divisions.

NGPS 2021-22 Back to School Plan

As a Division, NGPS will continue to follow and implement provincial health requirements and measures as required. Many measures will look the same as last year, such as daily health screening, staying home when sick, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting in schools and on buses.










Additionally, as mandated by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, masks are required to be worn on school buses.

At this time, NGPS will not be immediately applying restrictions beyond those put in place by Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education, which means students and staff will not be required to mask while in school. This could change as health and safety measures continue to be evaluated continuously in response to changing public health information.

Read the full Plan [here](#).



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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on September 14, 2021 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend in-person, or virtually via [NGTV](#).

