

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 23, 2021

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### ***Annual Education Results Review (AERR)***

NGPS Deputy Superintendent Leslee Jodry presented the Division's Annual Education Results Review which reflects the progress and performance of NGPS students over the 2020-21 school year, and demonstrates the Division's accountability in meeting Provincial Assurance Measures of Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, and Governance.

Jodry outlined key differences in the provincially mandated Assurance Framework from the province's former accountability model, which include:

- flexibility and responsiveness to local context with more local measures
- broad stakeholder engagement

The Assurance Framework nurtures a culture of continuous improvement through:

- Evidence-informed decision making (formal assessment, stories and experiences from our schools, school culture)
- Planning and increasing meaningful engagement processes

Provincial Contextual Considerations (not pandemic related):

- Accountability to Assurance changes
- Ministerial Order on Student Learning
- Curriculum debate
- new standards for Special Education
- No current provincial results data – the last Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Examinations (DIPs) are from June 2019
- restructuring of Program Unit Funding (PUF) funding
- Alberta Education Assurance Survey (AEAS) – new as of May 2021
- Provincial funding for Diversion Programs and Early Childhood Development was eliminated

Contextual Considerations (pandemic related):

- Division and in-school COVID-19 protocols
- flexible and changing programming – home education, online learning, in-person to online, quartermesters, common scope and sequence

- re-organizing programs/cohorts
- limiting traffic within schools/sites with impacts to parents, volunteers and contractors
- managing continuous provincial updates

Trustees shared additional concerns around student mental health, mental health supports and student attendance.

**Motion 4527-21: Motion was made to accept the Draft Annual Education Results Review as amended in principle as presented. Motion carried.**

The Review can be found on ngps.ca under Reports and Publications  
<https://bit.ly/3DkL3zf>.

### ***School Operational Viability Report***

The Board of Trustees reviews all NGPS schools annually for operational viability. Board Policy 15 outlines the viability criteria the Division uses:

- Healthy and safe environment
- Student Enrolment
- Building Utilization
- Ability to offer fulsome programming.

Superintendent Bird reviewed the report with trustees, indicating that Sangudo Community School (SCS) has been flagged for review as the school cannot meet its programming needs within its funding envelope. SCS shows viability concerns in the areas of enrollment, utilization and probability of fulsome programming.

Based on the information presented in the school viability report, Superintendent Bird recommended a viability study for SCS.

**Motion 4528-21: Motion was made to direct Administration to conduct further study of SCS's viability, based on the Superintendent's recommendation that was presented in the School Operational Viability Report. Motion carried.**

### ***Pembina Pipeline wins Friends of Education Award***

Each year, the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) hosts a Friends of Education Awards program to recognize and thank the many Alberta-based organizations that contribute to education within their communities. This year, Northern Gateway Public Schools (NGPS) nominated Pembina Pipeline for their outstanding and ongoing support.

Pembina Pipeline has been a champion supporter of NGPS schools for over a decade, enhancing learning opportunities and programming for students through financial

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and physical support, including volunteer labour, school barbeques, off campus learning opportunities like Registered Apprenticeships and Work Experience, mentorship and significant financial contributions to support projects and programs like summer learning camps, upgrades to learning spaces, technology and equipment purchases, and so much more.

Pembina Pipeline's outstanding commitment to education and investment in our schools and communities is a testament to their corporate leadership in "giving back to the communities where they live, work and play."

Congratulations to Pembina Pipeline on this well deserved honour!

### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting of the Board will take place on **December 14, 2021** commencing at **10:00 a.m** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend, or to watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

