

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting

November 28, 2023

For Immediate Release

NGPS Foundational Statements

NGPS Foundational Statements define our shared values and focus as a school division.

NGPS Values:

Joy in learning.

Humility in achievement.

Satisfaction in giving.

Gratitude in receiving.

Dedication to personal responsibility.

[View Board Policy 1, Division Foundational Statements and Identity.](#)

NGPS DRAFT Annual Education Results Report 2022-23

NGPS Director of Learning, Tammy Davis, and Director of Learning Supports, Bev Cotton, presented the Division's DRAFT Annual Education Results Report (AERR) to the Board.

Each year, the NGPS Board is required to provide Alberta Education with an AERR that details how the Division is meeting the goals set for it by Alberta Education, how division students are doing in a number of areas, and how the Division is addressing areas they have identified as priority.

The Report provides an in-depth, data-based look at Division demographics, student growth and achievement, and the strategies NGPS leaders, educators and support staff will be using to support student growth and achievement.

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Student Growth and Achievement is gauged using the following provincial measures:

- The provincial Assurance Survey and First Nations, Métis and Inuit Assurance Survey
- English as an Additional Language
- Student Learning Engagement
- Citizenship
- High School Completion Rates and First Nations, Métis and Inuit High School Completion Rates
- Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATS)
- Diploma Exam Results
- Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments
- Access to the Appropriate Supports and Services at School
- Teaching and Leading
- Governance

Highlights:

- Division student population is up slightly.
- Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Test Scores (PATS) were on par with the province. First Nations Métis Inuit (FNMI) Grade 9 PATS were considerably higher than the provincial FNMI Grade 9 PATS.
- Grade 6 PATS in English and Math were not written last year as the Division had implemented the new K-6 curriculum in these subjects.
- High School Completion Rates have improved.
- High School Completion Rates for FNMI students is on par or above the provincial average.

The full Report will be available on ngps.ca and social media on November 30, 2023.

Audited Financial Statements

- The Board Audit Committee presented the annual audit for the Division. No concerns cited.

Valleyview New School Update

NGPS trustees and administration met with parents and community members on November 16 in Valleyview to discuss hopes and dreams for the new K-12 school. The project has entered the next stage of the planning phase. NGPS Superintendent Kevin Bird thanked everyone for coming out for the community roundtable, "it was a real benefit to

hear the thoughts and feedback from staff, students and the community, and it was evident that they really know what they need and what they would like.”

The Division also met with the MD of Greenview, who have approved a connecting road between the new school and the Greenview Regional Multiplex. “We’re grateful for this partnership with the MD of Greenview and for the access to the Multiplex and the recreational opportunities that students will be able to easily access,” Bird added.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Building capacity, understanding and support through Mental Health First Aid training. NGPS Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) Coordinator and certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor, Sandra Hardy, is facilitating training sessions in communities throughout the Division this fall.

The training teaches participants how they can support staff, parents and families with local, accessible tools and supports, as well as how to be part of a larger, global effort to build a collective awareness and understanding of mental health and wellness, and, through the lens of NGPS, build capacity and improve outcomes for students.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for [December 19, 2023, at the Division Office in Whitecourt](#), commencing at [10:00 a.m.](#) Members of the public are invited to attend or watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).