



# BOARD

October 24, 2024

# highlights

Board of Trustees with Student Success presenters (front, left to right): Austin, Revy, Ellie, April L'Heureux, Bawlf School principal; (back, left to right): Mrs. Janessa Matthew, Grade 2 teacher, Lyle Albrecht, Karen Belich, Patrick McFeely, Dwight Dibben, Doug Algar

## Student Success

At the Board meeting, Bawlf Grade 2 students, Austin, Revy, and Ellie, presented on the hibernaculum project and student science and math project being conducted at Bawlf School.

A hibernaculum (snake pit) was built by facilities crew members with aid from the Village of Bawlf as well as a Wildlife Biologist from the Government of Alberta. It is located in the northwest corner of the school grounds.

The Grade 2 class has been using scientific methods to collect and record data, and with the assistance of special helpers, the snakes have been moved from traps around the school into their new home in the Hibernaculum.

## CASA Mental Health

The Board is pleased to announce that BRSD will receive a CASA Mental Health classroom as one of nine spaces being developed in the province. Being a central location within the division, Daysland School will be the location for the classroom. CASA Classrooms is a funded program that was launched in Sept. 2023 with the purpose to support students with complex mental health challenges.

## Accountability Pillar Survey

The Board of Trustees is pleased to share Alberta Education Assurance Measure Results, which are published in the spring and fall. Spring results include Assurance Measures that do not include academic results.

The following accountability measures are highlights that can be found in the spring report:

- Student Learning Engagement
- Citizenship
- High School Completion Rate
- Education Quality
- Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments

BRSD is proud to report that 86.8 per cent of teachers, parents and students are satisfied with their overall quality of basic education, and that 83.4 per cent of our teachers, parents and students agree that their learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe. Another noteworthy achievement is BRSD's significant increase in three-year high school completion rates. Nearly eight per cent (from 75.6 to 83.5) was gained in just one year.

These commendable results reflect the diligence of students and staff in a collective effort to improve student academic goals in an inclusive, positive learning environment. This achievement, in alignment with our values, is a demonstration of exceptional effort and collaboration that makes BRSD so proud!

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Every Day, a Success.

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## Jordan's Principal Update

The Board was given an update on Jordan's Principle. Jordan's Principle makes sure that products, services and supports are available for all First Nations children living in Canada. This child-first principle is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson who was a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba.

## Joint Use and Planning Agreement

The Board has approved the Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) between BRSD and the Village of Lougheed.

As the Education Act (S 53.1) requires, school divisions must enter into a Joint Use and Planning Agreement under section 670.1 of the Municipal Government Act with each municipality within which the school division operates. The deadline to complete these is June 2025.

## Student Opportunities

BRSD has an off-campus coordinator who works closely with school administrators and students, proudly offering students a wide range of opportunities to enhance their education and prepare for their futures. These opportunities are extended through BRSD programs: Work Experience, Green Certificate, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), and Dual Credit. These programs provide students with hands-on, real-world learning experiences that go beyond the classroom and help them build valuable skills in various industries.

## BRSD Transportation

BRSD Transportation added a new route to Daysland and one to Bashaw to reduce ride times. This bus review and change was necessary to accommodate boundary adjustments and an increased number of students requiring busing in the areas.

## Events and Meetings

The Council of School Councils met on the evening of Wed., Oct. 23 at Ryley School. The two upcoming 2024-25 meeting dates are:

- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025, 6:30 p.m., BRSD Division Office
- Tues., April 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Killam Public School

These Council of School Council meetings are a great opportunity for the Board to hear about the great work of our individual school councils, share school council ideas, and to share updates of the work of our Board.

## Board Strategic Plan

The Board of Trustees worked to update and approve their Strategic Plan for the 2024-25 school year.

## Student Enrolment

BRSD student enrolment has increased from the 2023-24 school year when 5,812 students attended our schools. For the 2024-25 school year, 5,839 students have enrolled, showing an increase of 27 students.

## Board Policy Work

This month, as part of its role in governance, the Board reviewed:

Policy 12: Board Delegation of Authority

## Fiscal Monitoring Report

The Board of Trustees received the September fiscal monitoring report from Cheryl Kropinske, director of finance.

## Terms of Reference

- Appeals Hearing Committee:  
Remains Unchanged
- Audit Committee:  
Remains Unchanged
- Executive Committee:  
Remains Unchanged
- Negotiating Committee - Alberta Teachers' Association:  
Remains Unchanged
- Negotiating Committee - Caretakers and Bus Drivers:  
Remains Unchanged
- Policy Development Committee:  
Remains Unchanged
- Student Affairs:  
Remains Unchanged

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