



**Re-entry Update:** The first official day of school was Tuesday, September 8, 2020. While we have not made any overall changes to the approved 2020-2021 school calendar, the first two days of school were adjusted to have half of the students attend on the first day and half on the second day. All students will attend on Thursday, September 10. **Picture day** will be going forward in all schools. At-home learners will be invited to come in as guests and get their pictures taken as well.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) will be holding their annual **school immunization clinics** in schools.

As per recent communications from the Division,

- parents have been asked to send a breathable container/bag to school for students to store their masks,
- school fees are on hold until November,
- all students Grades 4-12 and staff must wear a mask in common areas (including buses). Students are not required to wear the mask if they remain seated at their desk and facing the teacher. The teacher is not required to wear a mask provided that he or she is teaching at the front of the room and there is at least 2 metres distance to the first desk(s).

**Chromebook Purchasing Plan:** Of 139 Chromebooks purchased by the Division, 94 have been bought by families. The Chromebook Purchasing Plan is an optional program offered as a service to parents.

Chromebooks are \$270 each with a three month payment plan option. For more information go to the News section on the Division website.

**Federal Covid Education Funding:** In late August the federal government announced funding to provinces for Covid-related expenses in schools. Alberta Education confirmed that St. Paul Education will receive a total of \$1.088 million. About \$750,000 in additional expenses has already been committed. These include additional time for enhanced cleaning, purchase of PPE over and above material sent out by the province, two teaching staff (1.0 FTE Myrnam, 0.5 FTE St. Paul Elementary, 0.5 FTE Glen Avon) for the at-home learning program, four additional educational assistants for supervision, and adapting learning spaces. The remaining allocation is being held until more is known about enrolment, increased sub costs, etc. Trustees passed a motion to use the federal Covid education funding as recommended by administration.

**Board Chairs Meeting:** Board Chair Starosielski recently attended a zoom meeting of all board chairs in the province. Topics at the meeting were school re-entry and the role of the Council of School Superintendents of Alberta.

**Policy Review:** Trustees review Policy 1 - Division Foundation Statements and Policy 22 - Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe, and Inclusive Learning Communities.

### Financial Report

- Additional funding from the federal government has been very helpful for the Division budget.
- Trustees approved a request by Myrnam Outreach and Home Education Centre to implement a fee of \$50 for home education and shared responsibility students to offset costs related to printing and shipping.

### Capital Projects

- The general contractor has hired a new subcontractor to remediate issues with the entrance stairs at Two Hills Mennonite School.
- Communication regarding outstanding items at Ashmont school is ongoing however specific timelines to address these are not known at this time.
- Repairs following the accident at Racette over the summer are not quite complete. Barricades have been added to the perimeter.



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Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Changes: Further to changes in the Education Funding Framework that redirected funding from Alberta Health Services (AHS) to school authorities, AHS has sent a communication regarding changes in service to schools. The Division has hired a speech-language pathologist and occupational therapist.