

# Canadian Rockies Public Schools

## Highlights From October 20, 2021 Public School Board Meeting

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 LGMS—Nov 18  
 BCHS—Nov 22  
 Exshaw—TBD

### Next Public School Board Meeting

November 24, 2021  
 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be available to the public via Google meet to ensure that we are in no way contributing to the spread of COVID-19 in the communities we serve.

The October 20th CRPS Public School Board meeting was closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website.

### Vaccination/Rapid Testing Administrative Procedure

Canadian Rockies Public Schools is committed to providing safe and healthy learning and working environments. The Board has approved the development and implementation of an Administrative Procedure requiring vaccinations or rapid testing *for staff and other potential adult individuals entering CRSD facilities*. The Administrative Procedure will become effective November 24, 2021.

Two employee groups conducted surveys; the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) and CUPE 4306. They found that 92.4% of the ATA and 97% of CUPE members (36 out of 37) who responded to the survey support mandatory vaccinations. Additionally, conversations to gather input were also had with other departments.

CRPS will not engage in the adjudication process of possible exemptions. The choice for individuals impacted by the AP will be *full* vaccination for COVID-19 or rapid testing for COVID-19, as defined by, and as per the administrative procedure that will be developed.

At this time, we can share that rapid testing kits will be provided by the school division *for staff members* who select this option. Results of rapid testing will be required on a semi-weekly basis and the detailed requirements for this will be outlined in the administrative procedure.

The administrative procedure has been drafted and is being reviewed. No further details are available at this time.

### Mental Health and Well-Being Support in CRPS

CRPS is proud of the extensive mental health and well-being support that is available for students across the division. Our team includes highly trained and experienced individuals who work collaboratively within schools and across schools to provide a continuum of preventative, remedial and intervention services. Our divisional team also facilitates referrals to community resources and programs when additional services are needed.

The CRPS mental health team includes:

- \* School Counsellors (4) - provide counselling, school-based consultation, and education.
- \* Divisional Family School Liaison Counsellor - provides direct services and supports to students, parents, teachers and schools.
- \* Family and School Wellness Worker - supports students with identified social-emotional concerns that are impacting their school experience.
- \* Right From the Start (AHS Mental Health Capacity Building Program Team) (5) - promote positive mental health in children, youth, families and supports individuals in the community who interact with children and youth.
- \* Success Teachers (2) - support academic, cultural and social-emotional needs of Indigenous students in CRPS.
- \* Divisional Psychologist (1) and Contracted Psychologist (1) - provide psychological services which include consultation, assessment, intervention and counselling.



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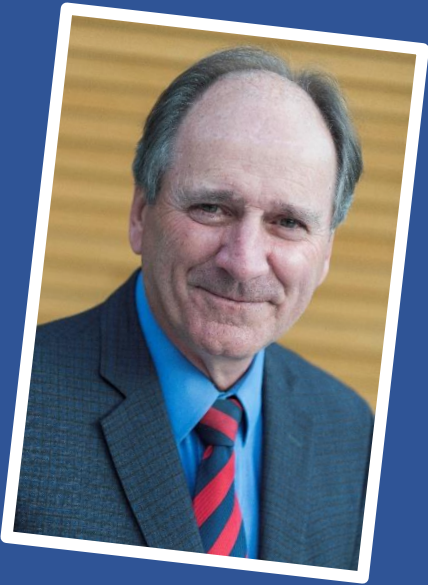
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