



THE BRIEF

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest
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Annual Education Results Report Celebrates Student and Staff Successes!

The Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) Board of Trustees approved the division's 2023/24 Annual Education Results Report, Nov. 26, 2024. Results surrounding the division's three priorities reveal:

Priority 1: Health and Wellness

This year, 87 per cent of teachers reported access to mental health resources, while 83 per cent of stakeholders agreed that CRPS schools are welcoming, caring, and safe. Additionally, 81 per cent of students, parents and staff indicated students are actively engaged in their learning.

Priority 2: Engaged Learning

Graduation rates remain strong, with 85 per cent of students graduating within three years and 91 per cent within five. EAL student success continues to rise, with 62 per cent achieving acceptable levels in Gr. 9 PATs, a three-year improvement trend. Overall, 85 per cent of students achieved acceptable standards on diploma exams, supported by effective professional learning for teachers.

Priority 3: Student Supports

CRPS remains committed to equity and excellence. Outside of integrating literacy and numeracy into all K-12 classrooms, 84 per cent of CRPS' First Nation, Métis and Inuit students graduate within five years of entering Gr. 10.

The full report will be available on the CRPS website under "About Us / Plans and Reports" by Nov. 30. ■

Inspiring Futures: The Board of Trustees Legacy Scholarship

As the CRPS Board of Trustees prepares for its final year before the 2025 election, it leaves a lasting mark with the launch of the "[Board of Trustees Legacy Scholarship](#)."

Aligned with the board's mission to inspire the hearts and minds of every student, the scholarship empowers Gr. 11 and 12 students from Banff Community High School and Canmore Collegiate High School to showcase Alberta Education's [Student Competencies](#). Focused on areas such as critical thinking, collaboration, cultural citizenship, and

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personal well-being, the scholarship rewards students for their real-world engagement with these competencies. A total of \$5,000 will be distributed across six scholarships, supporting post-secondary education, housing, or apprenticeship costs. Applications open Nov. 27, 2024, with students submitting an essay or media piece and reference letter by April 11, 2025. Winners will be celebrated at school awards ceremonies and recognized in the CRPS Annual Education Results Report next year. ■

Building a Stronger Future at Exshaw School

Exshaw School is set to benefit from significant renovations to enhance both functionality and cultural inclusivity. Following the Board of Trustees's Strategic Planning Process

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last year, trustees conceptually approved upgrades to the school's cafeteria and washrooms, alongside a redesign of the multicultural room.

In alignment with their Strategic Plan, the division engaged Metafor Architectural Services to lead a consultation process with the

community on the design of the facility upgrades. Metafor collaborated with students, staff, and Knowledge Keepers to ensure the designs reflect both practical needs and cultural aspirations. The resulting conceptual designs, shaped by these community voices, aim to modernize facilities while creating welcoming,

inclusive spaces that honour the school's diverse heritage. Receiving the board's approval to proceed, Nov. 26, Exshaw School's facility upgrades are poised to take another step in fostering an environment that supports learning, belonging, and cultural celebration for all! ■

CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Date:

The Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is set for Jan. 22, 2025, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Central Board Office in Canmore.

CEN Voices Help Shape the Future of Education

Over 40 engaged voices - including parents, students, business and community leaders, Knowledge Keepers, school council chairs, school administrators, and Central Board Office (CBO) staff - convened Nov. 21, 2024, at CRPS' Community Education Network (CEN) meeting to inform the division's 2025 - 2029 Four Year Education Plan. The gathering featured collaborative sessions aimed at identifying strengths, educational gaps, prioritizing community values, and brainstorming future-focused solutions. Through structured discussions, small group activities, and a roundtable exchange, participants worked to ensure that CRPS' strategic direction was rooted in a shared vision and responsive to local needs. This event marked an important step in building a roadmap that reflects and respects the unique perspectives of CRPS' community, with a commitment to creating a robust and inclusive educational environment for all students.

Kindergarten Registration for 2025/26 Opens Dec. 2

CRPS' Kindergarten registration for the 2025/26 school is set to launch on Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. With options designed to fit diverse family needs, CRPS offers full-day and half-day programs, plus unique choices like French Immersion at Elizabeth Rummel School and a full-day, Waldorf-inspired nature immersion program at Alpenglow School. Parents enrolling their child in Kindergarten this year are encouraged to visit CRPS website's "[2025/26 Kindergarten Registration](#)" page, which has full details and a handy School Registration Guide to support them. After winter break, CRPS will announce open house dates and share news on the municipality driven "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" programs to help families prepare for a smooth transition.

Student Senate Sparks Positive Change at LGMS

At Lawrence Grassi Middle School (LGMS), the Student Senate is at the helm of creating a positive, inclusive culture where every student's voice is valued. Established in 2022/23, the senate has quickly become central to the school's spirit, bringing real conversations into action and igniting a stronger

sense of belonging. A prime example is the "Terrific Trailblazers" program, which celebrates acts of kindness and inclusivity. Recognized "Trailblazers" receive positive recognition slips with the chance to win prizes - a small gesture with a big impact, according to Principal Kelly Proudfoot. The senate's influence also shines through student-led events like Spirit Week, which builds connections through themed days and friendly competition. Beyond organizing activities, senate members have even shaped the school's physical spaces and launched an anonymous reporting box to enhance student safety. Learn more through the news post, "[Empowering Student Voice at Lawrence Grassi Middle School.](#)"

Board to Connect with School Councils

CRPS' Council of School Councils is set to gather on Nov. 28 at the Central Board Office, marking a key opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between the Board of Trustees, senior administration, and school councils across the division. This biannual meeting showcases CRPS' commitment to partnership, inviting school council chairs to share school highlights and present wish lists for additional resources and support under the division's "Two Stars and a Wish" format.

"Inspiring Hearts and Minds" - CRPS' Board of Trustees

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