



BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Each month the Board Key Messages are shared at School Council Meetings. See your school's website for information about upcoming meetings and agendas.

- 1) **Presentations:** all presentations can be viewed on [the Board of Trustees March 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting YouTube video](#). (Presentations begin at 10:32)
 - a. **Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (SACI) Update** - Jason Kupery, Director of Learning, Palliser School Division and Joelle Reynolds, Director, Youth Initiatives, Lethbridge Polytechnic presented to the Board of Trustees regarding the Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (SACI). The SACI is a career pathway program, providing youth in grades 7-12 with the opportunity to explore Trades, Agriculture, and Health Care. The collegiate purpose is to provide our students with 1) **robust career readiness:** a structured learning experience to explore, engage, and experience career pathways and 2) **specialized focus:** programs in specific subjects or fields that guide students towards post-secondary and career success. In collaborating on career education pathways as partners, SACI strives to remove barriers for students, partner with industry and use a variety of innovative programs and multiple and varied perspectives. During the 2024-2025 school year 150 of our Livingstone Range School Division students have or will be engaging in the collegiate programs and/or opportunities.
 - b. **Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S)** - Laura Stocker, Health & Safety Coordinator, provided an update on Health and Safety throughout the Livingstone Range School Division. The health and safety of our staff, students, and visitors is a key priority of the Division. Our Health and Safety program encompasses many areas throughout our schools such as hazard assessments, employee training, incident reporting and investigating, chemical management, inspections, emergency preparedness and legislative compliance. To help support our dedication to the health and safety of our division we would ask our public to continue checking in at the front desk, teach students proper road and bus safety, be aware that the division is involved in community emergency planning and

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response and that the division follows guidance from Alberta Health Services when required.

Congratulations to Laura Stocker who has obtained her accreditation as a Canadian Registered Safety Professional and is also a certified Canadian Playground Safety Inspector.

- c. **LRSD Pursuits** - Tara Tanner, Division Principal and Corby Potyok, Assistant Principal, LRSD Pursuits presented to the Board of Trustees on LRSD Pursuits throughout the division. LRSD Pursuits programming includes Virtual School, Outreach Schools, Home Education, Diploma Prep, Summer School, Place-Based Programming, Tutoring and Pre-Employment Centre. Currently LRSD Pursuits provides approximately 100 different courses in grades 9-12. Pursuits currently provides instruction to 424 students throughout our Division. The flexibility in programming that Pursuits provides has led to completion rates of 69% rate last year. Pursuits has a homeroom model and clubs/activities to support and provide connection for fully online and Outreach students. They are currently working on a Pursuits app that will streamline the enrollment process and provide for better communication between virtual and home schools. The app should be ready to roll out in the 2025-2026 school year. The flexibility in programming that Pursuits provides is one strategy that will help to lead to increased graduation rates for all LRSD students! Students have the opportunity to participate in graduation at their local school or be a part of the Pursuits celebration. The LRSD Home Education numbers have increased from last year. Currently there are 64 students enrolled in home education. This is largely due to students who were previously homeschooling with institutions outside of our jurisdiction returning to LRSD. Our home education program provides flexibility for parents wishing to be more involved in their child's education.

For more information on our LRSD Pursuits options or program information, please visit our webpage at <https://www.lrsd.ca/services/lrsd-pursuit>

- 2) **Trustee Budget Report** - The Board of Trustees approved that the 2024 and 2025 Trustee Budget Report that was presented at the March Meeting of the Whole, by Mr. Jeff Perry and Mr. Jordan Gunderson be posted on the Livingstone Range School Division Website for transparency and accountability to the public.
- 3) **Livingstone Range School Division Three Year Capital Plan and Ten Year Facilities Plan** - The Board of Trustees approved the updated Livingstone Range School Division Three Year Capital Plan to be submitted to Alberta Education by April 1, 2025.

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The Board of Trustees is very excited to announce that Alberta Education has approved Pre-Planning funds for value scoping and community engagement to explore modernization or replacement options of Livingstone School.

- 4) **Quarterly Financial Report** - The Board of Trustees approved the Audit Committee recommendation, to approve the LRSD 2nd Quarter Financial Report as presented.

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