

BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 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 <u>Board of Trustees June 24, 2025</u> <u>Regular Board Meeting YouTube</u> video. (Presentations begin at 32:04)
 - a. Jr/Sr High School Athletics A review was conducted by Lovell Consulting Services which examined the current state of extra-curricular athletic programming in Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) schools offering grades 7-12. The Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) has a proud and rich history of schools providing outstanding experiences outside of the regular classroom. Extracurricular athletic programming is woven tightly into the fabric of the schools and valued greatly by students, staff, parents and community members. These programs are provided through many hard-working, dedicated individuals motivated by the shared desire to develop young athletes to reach their fullest potential. The demands and complexities of providing these programs has, in most schools, reached a point of inflection where key leaders (Athletic Directors, school administrators, community and school coaches, etc) are seeking different solutions to meet the moment they are facing. Jayson Lovell has recommendations that are designed to provide new opportunities that ultimately have the potential to strengthen athletic programming. This is an investment worth strong consideration in both the short and long-term to ensure success for all stakeholders dedicating themselves to such an important element of the student experience.
 - b. **First Nations, Metis and Inuit Support Update** Richard Feller, Deputy Superintendent, Human and Learning Services provided the Board of Trustees an update of the work being accomplished throughout the division. Currently there are 364 Self-Identified First Nation and Métis students registered within LRSD. There are many cultural programing highlights throughout our division including; 1) Blackfoot Culture Series; 2) Elder Led Site Visits; 3) Drum Making; 4) Teaching Circles; 5)

Smudge Teachings; 6) Bead Work Sessions; 7) Bridging Classrooms (Rupertsland) and 8) Land-Based Camps. LRSD's plan for the future is to 1) Continue to build community relationships and Elder recruitment; 2) include our Metis members and perspectives; 3) Gather information by meeting with schools and learning support teams; 4) Continue to target land-based approach to foster foundational knowledge; 5) Continue to liaison with community partners such as First Nation health Consortium, Jordans principle, KBE, PBOE, AFC, Lethbridge and Pincher Creek Métis Locals, Region 3 Métis office, Lethbridge Community Health, Actua, Rupertsland Institute, Trans Alta, SWCSI; 6) Explore new models of support and continue to build relationships and work authentically with Elders. For more information on our First Nations. Métis and Inuit information, please visit our webpage at https://www.lrsd.ca/services/fnmi

- **2) Budget Report Livingstone Range School Division -** The 2025-2026 Budget for the Livingstone Range School Division was approved by the Board of Trustees for submission to Alberta Education.
- **3) Second Languages** The Board of Trustees requested a presentation on the impact and feasibility of introducing second language instruction at the elementary level starting in the 2026/2027 school year.
- **4)** Ratification Vote Memorandum of Agreement Willow Creek School Bus Drivers Association The Board of Trustees ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between the Livingstone Range School Division Labour Relations Committee and the Willow Creek School Bus Drivers Association Committee, signed on June 18, 2025.