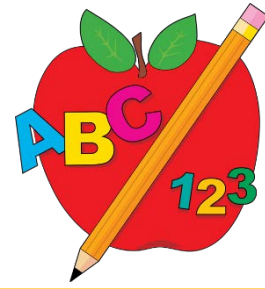


HORIZON HIGHLIGHTS



SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome Back

Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Horizon School Division Board of Trustees, it is our pleasure to welcome you back to another school year. As we settle into the start of a new school year, we know that you are focused on setting routines in your classroom and building relationships. These times provide an excellent opportunity for us to celebrate the many things that make our school communities special. It is a time to celebrate our successes and showcase the talents of the young people in our schools. All of the trustees are committed to the creation of contributing global citizens. Ensuring that today's children are ready to become tomorrow's leaders. We know that strong instruction and a response to intervention ensures that all of our students are successful in school.

Thank you for all that you do!

Marie Logan – Board Chair



Board Governance

School boards exercise leadership through governance in three areas: fiduciary leadership; strategic leadership and generative leadership. Fiduciary is all about the stewardship of tangible assets, the overseeing of operations, ensuring appropriate use of resources and ensuring legal compliance and fiscal accountability. One way we do this is through the development and reaffirmation of policy. The Board's policies can be found at <http://www.horizon.ab.ca/board.php>. As policies are discussed at the Board they are distributed to schools and school councils in order to provide our school communities with the opportunity to respond. Policies

discussed at the September, 2018 Board meeting include: Facilities Capital Planning, Custodial Services, Naming of Schools, Code of Conduct, Evaluation of School Support Staff, and Home Education.



The strategic mode is about setting priorities for the organization, and then monitoring their performance. We do this annually with our "Three Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report" (<http://horizon.ab.ca/documents/general/2017-2020EdPlanAERR.pdf>). The generative mode, by contrast, reflects the belief that "it takes a whole village to raise a child". In this role, the school board talks to the community about the community's needs and future. The school board gives all citizens an opportunity to shape the direction that education takes locally. As a board we welcome you to reach out to us.

New Teacher Induction

Each year Horizon welcomes some twenty new teachers to our jurisdiction. While some come from other school jurisdictions others are brand new to the profession having just graduated from University. Filled with exuberance and a keen desire to start their career we want to do all we can to support them as they engage and empower our learners. Horizon's Induction Program provides these professionals with the support they need to ensure student success. We know that supporting our teachers is supporting our students. Students who are successful at school and life. Welcome to the teaching profession!

Student Count

School jurisdictions are funded by the Government of Alberta on a per pupil basis. Each September 30, an enrollment count is taken to determine the level of funding. For 2018-2019 Horizon's count is 3456 students. This is 24 more students than the previous year. Funding is more complex than simply a head count. Kindergarten students are funded at 0.5 and high school students are funded based on an average number of CEUs generated by each school. The jurisdiction receives no funding for students who register after September 30. When students are registered in more than one school, or school authority, a process has to be followed to resolve priority school conflicts as students are only funded once. In addition to the 3456 students Horizon has another 127 students that we educate but receive no funding for.

Wellness Corner

Wellness is about the integration of all states of physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Each of the eight dimensions of wellness act and interact in ways that contribute to our quality of life. By focusing on keeping each aspect healthy and vibrant, you'll witness its impact on your own wellness, that of your workplace and beyond! (ASEBP



Curriculum Update

In June 2016, Alberta Education began work on developing new provincial curriculum in six subject areas: language arts (English and French), mathematics, social studies, sciences, arts, and wellness education.

"We have developed a curriculum that is common sense, practical and in alignment with up-to-date research. This curriculum rewrite process has been open and transparent, and we have received more than 70,000 responses on our draft curriculum. We're working hard to ensure that this curriculum focuses on the priorities of Albertans so it can set our students up for success in a fast-changing world."

David Eggen, Minister of Education

Timelines for implementation of future provincial curriculum have yet to be set.

Targeted timelines for ministerial approval of curriculum:

- Grades K–4: December 2018
- Grades 5–8: December 2019
- Grades 9–10 (three subject areas): December 2020
- Grades 9–10 (three subject areas) and 11–12 (three subject areas): December 2021
- Grades 11–12 (three subject areas): December 2022

Telephone Town Hall

Minister Eggen and Alberta Education officials will be hosting telephone town halls to discuss the draft K-4 curriculum at 7 p.m. on October 17. The call will also be live-streamed (<https://access.live/Alberta>) for anyone who wants to listen online.

Pre-register for the telephone town halls by visiting <https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development>.

Dates to Remember

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| • October 18 - Horizon/ATA Professional Development Day |
| • October 19 – School Based Professional Development Day |
| • November 2 – 9 – Diploma Exams |

Horizon is a 21st century inclusive learning community that engages and empowers all learners for success.