



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 10, 2021



*Trustees (left to right): Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Linda Wagers, De Anne Hutchison, Sherry Cooper, Chair Holly Bilton, Terry Leslie, Jackie Swainson, Kathy Kemmere, Gord Kerr.*

## **COVID-19 Harm Reduction Administrative Procedure (AP 4-33):**

The Board passed a motion in support of a temporary [procedure](#) which outlines new expectations for all **CESD staff, contractors, practicum students, and volunteers** to either provide proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 or commit to regular rapid testing to verify that they are COVID-19 negative, effective January 10, 2022. After considerable deliberation and consultation, the Board supported the Administration's recommendation for a harm reduction procedure to address the requirements which have been outlined by Occupational Health and Safety, Alberta Education, Alberta Health Services, and division insurance providers, among other provincial authorities while focusing on respect for personal choice of staff. Detailed information and support is being provided to staff, to guide next steps and ensure ease of compliance. The Board voiced deep appreciation for the work of the Chinook's Edge team to maintain safe school environments and preserve in-person learning. A detailed media release is also being sent.

## **Letter to Minister of Justice:**

The Board passed a motion requesting the Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Kaycee Madu, requesting that the Government of Alberta provide indemnity to School Boards against litigation related to COVID -19 and to elicit support from other Boards for this purpose.

## **Inclement Weather:**

The Superintendent provided an update on the key priorities of safety, procedures around messaging, and how learning will proceed when winter weather impacts schools in Chinook's Edge. Details are available on the website [at this link](#).

***Under the Education Act, School Board responsibilities are to govern, advocate and promote. For more information please visit [About the Board](#).***

***The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 15, 2021***

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