

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 8, 2021



Trustees: (back row) Connie Huelsman, Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Allan Tarnoczi, Superintendent Kurt Sacher, Gord Kerr, Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka (front row) Chair Holly Bilton, Colleen Butler, Sherry Cooper, Trudy James

COVID-19 Update - Chinook's Edge continues to follow the advice of Alberta Health Services and the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding their expertise and guidance with respect to the pandemic. Their new measures include an order that masks have been mandated in all indoor public spaces and workplaces, but no masking changes are mandated in schools. Masking will not be mandatory in Chinook's Edge schools and classrooms, but masks are required for all students and staff on school buses. Chinook's Edge continues to support students and staff who choose to wear masks in schools. The Superintendent provided a [letter](#) to parents with details on the updated COVID-19 protocols.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - The Board of Trustees passed a motion that all Chinook's Edge schools and offices will be closed on Thursday, September 30 to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In consultation with Chinook's Edge Indigenous Education leaders and advisors, plans are underway to continue student and staff learning, as the entire Chinook's Edge team reflects on the legacy of residential schools. This work continues to be a priority for the entire division, and Chinook's Edge truly supports the process of reconciliation. Further information will be provided to staff, students and families to support a meaningful day of reflection on September 30, and to share activities that incorporate Indigenous culture, knowledge and teaching during Truth and Reconciliation Week (September 27 to October 1).

Summer School Report - Summer School was offered in three Chinook's Edge schools in July: Sylvan Lake Career High (78 students / 9 Diploma courses); Innisfail Career High (50 students / 11 Diploma courses); Olds Career High (64 students / 11 Diploma courses).

Field Trips - Chinook's Edge field trips within the province of Alberta may resume effective September 9th.

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, October 6, 2021

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