



Board Highlights

May 25, 2022

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

Budget 2022-2023:

The Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees approved a \$132 million budget for the 2022-2023 school year, following an extensive presentation from Treasurer Shauna Kaiser and deliberation by the Board. This includes an operating deficiency of \$4.187 million. While capital purchases of \$1.258 million will result in the division operating reserves to decline, a series of school and department budget transactions at the end of the fiscal year are expected to see reserves increase. Additional expenses unique to this year's budget include: the Board's investment from reserves in the Social Emotional Team to provide mental health supports for schools; the impact of COVID-caused learning loss and supply chain/inflation issues; support for staff cost increases; and the implementation of new curriculum. The budget will be filed with Alberta Education and posted to the division website by May 31st.

Three Year Education Plan (2021-2024):

The Board approved Year Two of the Three Year Education Plan, which commenced September 1, 2021. The Education Plan establishes priorities that guide division programming and support the three divisional goals: Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Well-being, Career Connections. It is designed to provide all stakeholders with a clear outline of goals and objectives for the enhancement of learning opportunities for Chinook's Edge students, and to keep school communities informed of the direction Chinook's Edge is committed to following. As Chinook's Edge School Division continues to provide assurance to all stakeholders particular focus has been placed on stakeholder engagement and feedback, which is summarized in the report's results analysis. Key priority areas include: addressing the learning gaps that emerged as a result of pandemic disruptions, the priority for social emotional well-being with all Chinook's Edge stakeholders, concerns around the implementation of new curriculum, and a decreasing trend in parental involvement. Addressing these priorities is central to multiple discussions the Superintendency Team shares with the Board throughout the year in open and transparent strategic planning sessions. The Education Plan, which will be posted to [the website](#), reflects an ongoing contribution from the Board of Trustees, central office leaders, school based administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and students.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

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