



# Board eNews ... issued December 1, 2022

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Our Board of Trustees is very grateful to the provincial government for investing over \$1.4 million in our [Mental Health in Schools](#) grant, and to the innovative partnership our Chinook's Edge staff have formed with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools and McMan Central to create this opportunity for students in Central Alberta.

The Board applauds the government's efforts to gather stakeholder input as they launch the provincial [Career Education Task Force](#), and encourages everyone to share their views by taking the survey by the Dec 9th deadline. Trustees congratulate our Chair Holly Bilton who is the only Trustee appointed to the task force. This work directly supports our [Chinook's Edge Career Connections](#) divisional goal.

Trustees are proud that two of the 40 student positions on the province-wide [Minister's Youth Council](#) are filled by Chinook's Edge students from Sundre High and Ecole H.J. Cody School.

[Professional Learning Days](#) in Chinook's Edge are a Trustee approved approach to supporting success for every student in our care. The Board appreciates the understanding of parents and families, as we provide non-instructional time for this division priority.

As always, our Board appreciates the support and investment into programs for our students through community [Family and Community Support Services](#) grants.

As our schools work to provide a safe environment for students and staff, Chinook's Edge is sharing [preventative measures](#) from Alberta Health Services regarding respiratory viruses. [Mountain View Gazette](#)

Trustees are pleased with staff efforts to plan ahead and ensure [Summer School programming](#) opportunities reach all students in the division. [Mountain View Gazette](#)

Our Board extends a warm welcome to Ben Cecil, new [Olds College President](#). We look forward to continuing our work for students together, through the Chinook's Edge and Olds College joint venture in the Community Learning Campus.

The Board was happy to approve a second application in our Flourishing Stories and Innovation project, and approved \$7,350 for Spruce View School's Outdoor Ed Expansion - Archery and Orienteering project.

As schools throughout the division honour the efforts and achievements of students during this [awards season](#), Trustees congratulate all students for their hard work and all staff who support them.

The Transportation Department continues to recruit and train bus drivers in a tight labour market, and the Board is grateful this focus is ensuring safe and reliable transport for our students. [Red Deer Advocate](#)

Students and families well beyond Olds are celebrating the [Bantam Bulldogs](#) provincial win over Lethbridge Coyotes in a 43-42 nail-biter! [Mountain View Gazette](#)

The Board was pleased to see many of our community neighbours gather for Remembrance Day ceremonies in our schools. [Mountain View Gazette](#)

Chinook's Edge schools work to ensure all students feel welcome, and our Board is grateful for the community contribution of [Indigenous art](#) to support these efforts at École Olds Elementary School and Horizon School.