

Amy Severtson, a teacher at Bowden Grandview School, has received [the Edwin Parr Award](#). The award goes to exceptional first year teachers. Severtson [was considered](#) along with other teachers from school boards in Central Alberta.

[The Board has approved a \\$136.8 million budget](#) for the 2023-24 school year. The Board approved the budget at its May 31, 2023 meeting.

The Board was pleased to welcome [Adriana LaGrange, Alberta Education Minister, and Devin Dreesen](#), Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, to Penhold Elementary School at the end of April. Both ministers celebrated the announcement of a new school to be built in Penhold.

Chinook's Edge trustees were thrilled to hear their advocacy regarding stronger career opportunities for students was effective. Chinook's Edge and its school division partners, and post-secondary and community partners were [granted collegiate status and \\$8.7 million](#) in [funding from the province](#).

Chinook's Edge Board voted, at its May 10 meeting, to provide [nasal Naloxone kits](#) to schools starting in September 2023.

Three Chinook's Edge students participated in [Skills Canada - Alberta](#) recently and performed well. Johan Eriksson, a Grade 10 student from Didsbury High School received silver in the construction category, and Travis Lorenz, a Grade 11 student from Ecole H.J. Cody High School received bronze in the construction category. Davin Garrow a Grade 11 student from Ecole H.J. Cody High School also participated in construction. Additionally, 174 students from Chinook's Edge attended to observe and learn more about a variety of careers. The Board sends its congratulations to participants, and is [pleased to see opportunities for students to make career connections](#).

The Board was happy to hear that three [Chinook's Edge bus drivers swept the podium](#) at the Central Alberta [Bus Road-ee in Red Deer recently](#).

The Board selected Susan Roy as the recipient of the [Roy E. Cope Award for 2023](#). Roy served as the division's treasurer for almost 30 years. The award is given to any person, who in the opinion of the Board, has made a significant contribution to the educational welfare of students.

Indigenous Childrens' Book author, [Christy Jordan-Fenton](#), [recently visited C.P. Blakely School](#), where she once attended as a student. Jordan-Fenton read from her books, helping students learn more about residential schools in age appropriate ways. The Board supports schools in their efforts to help students learn more about Indigenous history, culture and people.

The Board congratulates Ecole Fox Run School and staff and students for [successfully hosting the Alberta Francophone Games](#). About 550 grade 7 to 12 Francophone and French Immersion students, from 60 Alberta schools, attended the event. Students participated in a variety of sports, cultural and social activities.

Didsbury High School's band has been [invited to perform](#) at the [national music festival](#). The invitation [came as a result of the band's performance on a tour to eastern Canada in April](#). The Board sincerely congratulates the students and their band teacher, Kirk Wassmer. Learn more about why the band is so successful in this [video](#).