

The Chinook's Edge Board [plans to develop a new policy](#) regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Board observes that AI is already impacting teaching and learning, and [wishes to develop a policy](#) that supports appropriate use of the technology.

[The Board has approved](#) the Chinook's Edge [2022–23 Annual Education Results Report](#), which is required under the Education Act. The document considers the division's three major areas of focus: academic excellence, social emotional well-being, and career connections, and is used as the division works to improve the learning opportunities it provides for students.

Trustees are very pleased that a [new Bike Mechanics class](#) at Westglen School in Didsbury is going well. The program received \$5,000 from the Board's Flourishing Stories and Innovation Grant. The grant allowed the school to purchase 10 mobile bike stands, 10 mobile tool carts and the tools to fill them.

The Board is excited that Chinook's Edge is offering a [new Diploma Exam Preparation](#) course to students taking Math 30-1 and 30-2, Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 this semester. The course, called 'Excelerator' is being provided online to students in their home communities, free of charge.

Winners of Canada's Amazing Race television show [visited École Olds High School](#) recently, sharing Indigenous history with students and a message of resilience. Trustees are proud of the work of staff who find meaningful ways for students to connect with Indigenous learning.

The Board was pleased to see [two Chinook's Edge graduates](#) receive the Julian Sacher Memorial Scholarship. Victoria Twa, a graduate of Penhold Crossing Secondary School, and Katy Saby, a graduate of École Olds High School will both receive \$1,500 scholarships.

The number of community service projects undertaken leading up to the Christmas break is appreciated by trustees. In particular, the Board appreciates the efforts of staff to help students learn to become good citizens and enjoy the rewards of community service. For instance, École Olds High School's leadership class has successfully raised funds for the community's Christmas Angels through the school's [3rd annual Christmas Palooza](#). Also students from Beacon Hill Elementary School in Sylvan Lake [created and filled holiday bags](#) for clients of Red Deer's Safe Harbour and The Mustard Seed. Other school service projects are outlined in [this publication](#). The Board extends a sincere thank you to everyone involved in these important projects.

Trustees enjoyed learning, recently, about four École Deer Meadow School (in Olds) students who have transformed weekly student announcements into a [creative weekly video, called Titan Talk](#). The students produce the video and have had very positive feedback from staff and students.

Trustees extend their congratulations to Carly Hansen, who has been named [Citizen of the Year](#) by the Spruce View & District Lions Club. Hansen is a bus driver of students attending Spruce View School, and Chair of the Spruce View School Council.

The Board also sends a sincere thank you to Kirk Wassmer, the band teacher at Didsbury High School, who recently announced he is retiring at the end of the school year. At the Christmas concert last month, former students and community members [chose to pay tribute to Wassmer](#). The Board is pleased to see the positive impact Wassmer has made for students.