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The Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees [approved](#) its 3-year Capital Plan for 2025-2028 at the [March 12 Board meeting](#). Top priorities in the plan include: a [new Grade 10-12 high school in Sylvan Lake](#), modernization for Innisfail High school, a new elementary school in Olds, a new K-8 school in Liberty Landing in Gasoline Alley, and a new middle school in Carstairs or a modernization of Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs. The full capital plan can be found [here](#).

The Board appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively with municipal partners, and meets with these partners regularly. The Board [will meet](#) with the Town of Sylvan Lake at the end of March to discuss the proposed new high school in Sylvan Lake, and how Chinook's Edge and the Town can work together.

The Board approved an update to its code of conduct, on March 12. The code complies with provincial and federal legislation, and defines specific expectations for trustee behavior. It also sets out possible remedial actions, and formal and informal complaint processes. The updated code of conduct can be found [here](#).

Trustees are pleased to see a [significant growth](#) in student participation in online dual credit learning. There were 163 students taking online dual credit courses last year, and 270 are enrolled this school year. An important reason for the success is the [support students receive](#) from staff in their school.

The Board was happy to see the [success of a career related event](#) in Sundre. Health care professionals in the town [organized a day full of hands-on learning activities](#) related to healthcare careers for high school students. About 40 students attended.

Trustees extend a sincere thank you to all of the division's 400+ substitute teachers, during [Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week](#) March 11-15, 2024. The Board recognizes the important contributions these staff members make, and their commitment to student success.

A number of trustees from Chinook's Edge [attended](#) the Alberta Rural Education Symposium early in March. Trustees were pleased to hear from Chief Cadmus Delorme, of the Cowessess First Nation who spoke about the hope found in reconciliation.

A [new opportunity for students](#) at Ecole Fox Run School in Sylvan Lake is building confidence and friendships for students. The school partnered with an organization called Improv Jelly to provide after school improvisation sessions for students during February and March. The Board appreciates the day-to-day work in schools to build resilience and mental health, and the community support of the division's schools.

Trustees were pleased to see [Pink Shirt Day celebrations](#) happening in schools, and the intent to build caring and welcoming environments for students.

Ecole Deer Meadow School students are participating in a [new Industrial Arts class](#) offered in conjunction with Ecole Olds High School on the campus of Olds College of Agriculture and Technology. The Board was pleased to see the opportunity for middle school students - in making some career connections, as that remains a high priority for the Board and for Chinook's Edge.