

The Chinook's Edge Board of Trustees is [looking forward](#) to meeting with the Town of Penhold. The Board is anticipating discussing how the town and division can work together on the construction of Penhold Waskasoo Middle School, which is currently being built.

The Board [voted to increase school fees](#) in Career and Technology Studies classes. Students participating in construction, fabrication, and mechanics will see fees rise to \$80 for a 5 credit class. Students participating in other CTS classes will be charged \$11 per credit.

The Board was [pleased to nominate](#) McMan Youth, Family & Central Services Association for a Friends of Education Award, through the Alberta School Boards Association. McMan Central is working with Chinook's Edge in a provincial mental health pilot, taking on the role of supporting families. The mental health [project](#) is unique in Alberta in that it directly includes families in the effort to support student wellness.

The Board was also happy to [nominate](#) Emily Wilson, a teacher from [Carstairs Elementary School](#), for the [Edwin Parr Award](#). Wilson is known for her excellent planning and being able to support a wide range of student needs, as well as the strong relationships she forms with students. The award is given annually to six exceptional first year teachers. To see why Wilson's students and colleagues admire her, watch a video [here](#).

Trustees say congratulations to three Chinook's Edge students who have been [invited to attend the National Science Fair](#) in Ottawa from May 25 to June 1, 2024. Claire Friesen, a Grade 8 student from Cremona School, Jules Owen-Pole, a grade 12 student from Hugh Sutherland School, and Jillian Reid, a Grade 7 student from Cremona School were among the top finishers at the Central Alberta Regional Science Fair.

The Board sends another round of congratulations to two Chinook's Edge students who [will advance](#) to the provincial level in the Skills Canada competition. Travis Lorenz, a student from Ecole H.J. Cody School won silver in construction at regionals, and John Eriksson, a student from Didsbury High School, received bronze. The [provincial competition](#) is in Edmonton on May 8 and 9.

The "[Just try-a-trade](#)" program entered its second year. The [opportunity allows](#) middle school students to experience hands-on learning in the trades, and at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology. This year, the program allowed for each participating school to send 14 students on their own day, so each received more individual attention. The Board appreciates that this program supports a major division priority - to help students create career connections.

The Board sends its well wishes to the Hugh Sutherland School council. The council will [soon present](#) to the Alberta School Councils Association conference in Edmonton about the journey it has been on, and the results from that journey. The council believes it is now more effective and parents, through the council, enjoy a strengthened relationship with the school.