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The Chinook's Edge School Board has [approved financial statements](#) for the [year ending August 31, 2024](#). [The division received](#) \$139, 232,915 in revenue and expenses were \$138,280,314 for the [2023-24 school year](#).

Also at its November 26 meeting, [the Board approved](#) the [Annual Education Results Report](#), which [summarizes achievements](#) of the last year, and efforts the division will make moving forward.

Trustees are pleased to see many activities underway in schools that build the social emotional well-being of students, one of the division's three main priorities. For instance, two educational assistants at Ecole H.J. Cody School in Sylvan Lake started the school's [first annual Christmas market](#), so that students in the Creative Gems program would [have an opportunity](#) to sell the crafts they had made, and so that students from throughout the community could do the same.

Another example was in Didsbury at Westglen School, where a [student got to spend a day](#) at Universal Studios in California, thanks to a Family School Wellness worker who [nominated her for the experience](#). The [Dreams Take Flight adventure](#) allowed the student to take her first ever flight, and make new friends.

Also, at Innisfail Middle School, a Youth Empowerment and Support (YES) Success Coach, has worked with students to [start a new podcast](#). The podcast's student hosts interview teachers and students, share information about upcoming events, and jokes and fun facts. The [students are enjoying the opportunity](#) and staff say it has positively impacted the school culture, and is increasing the confidence of the students participating.

Trustees were also impressed to learn that a [student at Ecole Deer Meadow School raised more than \\$500](#) for the Movember movement, as a part of his Interact leadership class. Five staff members had their beards and mustaches shaved in support of the project.

The Board thanks the staff members who create these opportunities for students.

Trustees are supportive of the division's efforts to prepare educators for possible future leadership roles. Recently [Chinook's Edge hosted](#) a group of about 60 Aspiring Leaders from throughout Central Alberta. Chinook's Edge Superintendent [shared seven points](#) of wisdom he has learned over his 39 year career in education.

The Board sends its congratulations to James Palidwar, a welding instructor at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology. Palidwar [has received](#) an Educators Scholarship, worth up to \$5,000, from the American Welding Society. Palidwar is an instructor who works with Chinook's Edge students enrolled in dual credit courses.

The construction of Penhold Waskasoo Middle School is [progressing well](#), with the structure being now closed in. Trustees are eagerly anticipating the opening of the school and the opportunities the new facility will provide for students.