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### RDCRS Boundary Development - St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School:

The Board of Trustees received a presentation from Group2 Architecture, Clark Builders and KTJ Consulting regarding the current updates and site design of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. The start date is set for February 28, 2022 and projected to be completed by June 23, 2023. As RDCRS continues to prepare for the opening of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, reconfiguration of middle school boundaries will need to occur to ensure all schools are operating at a viable capacity with roughly the same utilization rate. The administration also took this opportunity to make minor adjustments to some elementary school boundaries to increase utilization rates and make the transition to middle school smoother. The administration developed and evaluated multiple scenarios, collected feedback from Trustees and school-based administrators. After this boundary development plan was provided, viable options that came to the forefront were presented to the Board of Trustees. Parent and staff stakeholder engagement sessions are set to occur virtually on February 8 and February 10 for all Division schools, but specifically, those located within the City of Red Deer and impacted by potential boundary changes. Parents and staff from the following school communities are invited to attend virtually on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, February 8** - Father Henri Voisin School, St. Elizabeth Seton School, and current Grade 6 and 7 families from St. Francis of Assisi School.
- **Thursday, February 10** - St. Teresa of Avila School, Holy Family School and current Grade 6 and 7 families from St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Details about how to pre-register for the stakeholder engagement sessions will be sent out closer to the event date. An electronic feedback form will also be available for parents and staff to submit feedback. The feedback from stakeholder engagement sessions will be gathered and presented, along with a recommendation, to the Board of Trustees at the March Regular Board Meeting. Implementation of the new middle school boundaries for St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, will take effect in September 2023. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **St. Gregory the Great Capital Project Update:**

The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of two modulars for the purpose of adding two classrooms to St. Gregory the Great school in Blackfalds to help eliminate overcrowding issues.

RDCRS will be receiving the two modulars for St. Gregory The Great in April. RDCRS is in need of at least an additional two units due to an anticipated increase in the student population for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum Review Report:**

The Associate Superintendent of Curriculum presented the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum review and shared key findings, highlights and areas of concerns. The report is a synthesis of the data collected as part of the ongoing engagement begun last year. Input from parents, community stakeholders, and staff has been synthesized and triangulated with the work of our colleague school boards to develop the themes and considerations. The Board of Trustees accepted the Draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum Review Report and recommended the Report be forwarded to the Minister Of Education as feedback to the Draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum. To view the full report, please click [here](#).

### **COVID-19 Protocol for Trustees:**

The following motion was passed by the Board of Trustees regarding COVID-19 protocols for Trustees: *Recognizing that Trustees are the only people within the RDCRS community not covered by Administrative Procedure #162, "COVID-19 Vaccination/Rapid Testing Requirements," and holding ourselves to the same standard as all others in the Division, therefore be it resolved that, each Trustee will:*

- *By March 15, 2022, submit proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (as defined in AP #162) to the Secretary-Treasurer; or,*
- *Beginning March 15, 2022, and continuing thereafter, provide proof of a negative PCR or rapid test (dated 72 hours or less) to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to entry to any Division property, or,*
- *Beginning March 15, 2022, and continuing thereafter, attend meetings and events online only.*
- *Elected officials who are unable to obtain a vaccination or unable to rapid test, may apply for an exemption under the legislation outlined in the Alberta Human Rights Act.*

*This motion applies to Trustees when acting in their capacity as elected officials; Trustees entering Division property in their capacity as volunteers or parents will follow the appropriate provisions in AP #162.*

### **Information Items**

#### **Superintendent Report:**

Pre-Kindergarten registrations opened on January 3 for St. Gregory the Great, January 5 for St. Matthew Catholic School and January 10 for all other schools who have Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programming within RDCRS. Registrations have been strong considering the concerns parents are facing with the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of January 19, we have 165 registrations for Pre-Kindergarten and 371 Kindergarten students.

Our Pre-Kindergarten hub models for Maryview School (67) and St. Teresa of Avila School (20) have received a total of 87 students thus far. We continue to work with the Communication's Department at RDCRS to have registrations advertised through radio, newspaper and social media. Our Early Learning Team and the RDCRS' Transportation Department are working together to make transportation to the hub schools available one-way for our families. Additionally, we are involved in conversation with Red Deer Childcare Society to look at the possibility of having parents access childcare at the hub schools when students are not in their three-hour Pre-Kindergarten programming. For more information, please click [here](#).

## COVID-19 Update:

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning presented the COVID-19 report to the Board of Trustees. Noted was that due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, RDCRS was forced to respond in an effort to remain operational. As a result, Grade 7-9 students in seven middle schools within the Division temporarily shifted to online learning effective Monday, January 24, 2022 to Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Students will be returning to in-person learning on Thursday, February 3rd. Staff absences are tracked daily as these are the highest numbers of absences RDCRS has seen to date. Also highlighted was that RDCRS is using the same isolation requirements language as the Alberta Health Services website. For more information about the COVID-19 Report, please click [here](#).

**The next Board Meeting is February 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**



**Kim Pasula**, Board Chair

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