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Mental Health Grant Update:

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning presented the Mental Health Grant Update report to the Board of Trustees. At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) and Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) applied for the Alberta Education Mental Health Grant, seeking \$1.8 million dollars. In early December, \$1.4 million dollars was successfully secured and would be used for a new program that would be implemented in both school communities, called the Mental Health Transition Consultants (MHTC) Model.

Since receiving \$1.4 million dollars for the Mental Health Transition Consultants Model program, the majority of the MHTC's have been hired and began working on February 1, 2023. For more information about the Mental Health Grant Update, please click [here](#).

Faith Day:

The Superintendent shared with the Board of Trustees that the theme for this year's Faith Day is, 'We Journey Together.' RDCRS is excited to feature Archbishop Richard W. Smith, Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowessess First Nation, and Jesse Manibusan as keynote speakers for the day.

Archbishop Richard W. Smith will preside over the Mass at the Division Faith Day. His Grace has expressed to our Division how pleased he is that RDCRS is bringing the message of truth and reconciliation to staff on Faith Day.

Chief Cadmus Delorme will speak on two topics to further RDCRS staff's understanding of truth and reconciliation. Chief Cadmus uses a blend of personal story-telling, humour and sharing of history to educate his audience about the history of residential schools in Canada, as well as how we can journey forward together with a shared vision of hope. RDCRS hopes that having Chief Cadmus Delorme speak to all Division staff will help them become leaders in the journey towards truth and reconciliation for our schools and community.

In addition to Chief Cadmus Delorme and Archbishop Smith, Jesse Manibusan will also present to our staff on Faith Day. Manibusan will lead Division staff in joyful songs highlighting our Division theme of 'Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.' He has learned about Canada's history with residential schools, and is honored to bring a message of unity, hope and community to our staff through his music.

For more information about RDCRS' Faith Day, please click [here](#).

St. Lorenzo Core Team Update:

The Superintendent presented the St. Lorenzo Core Team Update to the Board of Trustees. Key highlights of the update included two team meetings that have taken place as part of their ongoing discussion, collaboration and preparation related to the opening of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School.

Next steps for the team include hosting a virtual session for principals and administrative assistants for them to review and understand pertinent information regarding RDCRS' Division's catchment schools and transportation updates. For more information regarding the St. Lorenzo Core Team Update, please click [here](#).

The next Board Meeting will take place on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.



Anne Marie Watson, Board Chair

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