

Board Highlights

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

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The March 25, 2020 CRPS Public School Board Meeting was held via Google Meet. The meeting was recorded and is available for viewing on the [district website](#)

The decision to hold a virtual meeting was to be in compliance with AHS directives. Public board meetings for the remainder of the year will be held in this same format unless the AHS directives are removed. We want to work with AHS to ensure that we are in no way contributing to the spread of COVID-19 in the communities we serve.

Next Public School Board Meeting

April 29, 2020

This meeting will be held via Google Hangout and closed for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be recorded with a copy of the recording posted on the CRPS website.

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Continuity of Education Plans –Re school closures and COVID-19

Following the provincial directive to keep schools open but indefinitely cancel all in-person classes for students, Canadian Rockies Public Schools, along with all school divisions in the province, have been working to provide "continuity of education" for our students during this challenging time. "Continuity of education" refers to the plans for teaching and learning that will be developed to ensure that students continue to receive an education.

On March 20, 2020 Alberta Education provided Continuity of Education Guidelines to K-12 schools in Alberta. Based on these guidelines CRPS staff have established programming for all its students. Our staff are dedicated to collaborate with students and parents to ensure that meaningful learning continues and the essential learnings in core subject areas as outlined in the Continuity of Education Guidelines are achieved.

Teachers will continue to be available to assist students and families as we travel down this uncharted course. Any questions you may have regarding your child's learning program should be directed to their teacher.



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Adjusted 2019-2020 Learning Calendar - Spring Break and Year End

Please note that there has been a change to the dates of the [Spring Break](#). This change was made to provide for better "continuity of learning" for our students. After extensive consultation with our families and staff, the Board of Trustees has approved the following:

- Spring Break will now be April 10th – April 17th, 2020 (includes Good Friday)
- The school year will end for students at 12:00 pm on June 22nd, 2020.
- There will be no school for students June 23rd to 26th, 2020

COVID-19 Updates for Families and Staff of CRPS

The Board of Trustees would like to remind parents to visit the [division website](#) for information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and any updates from the division affecting our students, staff and community.

For members of our school community who may be experiencing stress or anxiety, school counselors are available and we encourage you to connect with them.

In addition there is a list of [resources](#) on the CRPS district website that our counsellors have pulled together that you may find helpful.

Provincial Budget 2020-2021

Although the Board of Trustees and CRPS senior administration have not completed a full review of the impact of the most recent provincial budget, the initial thoughts are that we are very pleased with the 2020-21 education budget and the changes that have been made to the funding framework.

For many years, we have been asking successive governments to review the funding formula as it significantly disadvantaged small rural school divisions like ours. The 2020-21 school year budget finally recognizes those long-standing challenges.

It has also removed the constraints previously held within each of the different grant lines which provided individual school districts with the ability to direct monetary resources to the areas where they are most needed. These changes allow local autonomy to our board and administration to direct those funds according to the ever-changing needs we experience in a small rural school division.



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