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## Building Futures Constructs Space for Airdrie Pound

- Teacher Laura Burt and students Andrew Fallow and Callie Wallace presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) highlighting a recent partnership between the Building Futures program and the Alberta Pound and Rescue Centre (APARC).
- In February, Building Futures students designed and built rooms in APARC's 4,000 square foot warehouse in Airdrie.
- Students worked with community partners to frame the rooms, hang drywall, install windows and paint the space, which is used to house animals.

## RVS Planning to Offer Grades 1 to 12 Online in 2021/22

- The Board supported administration's recommendation to continue an online learning option for Grades 1-12 beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. There is belief that there will be considerable interest from RVS families in this type of program and that RVS can continue to offer a quality online education option to meet these needs.
- A task force has been created to make recommendations on how online programming could operate in the future, and that group is working to solicit feedback from current online teachers, parents and students.
- In response to the pandemic, RVS began offering a fully online option for Grades 1-12. Approximately 3,000 students – 10-12 per cent of enrolment – took advantage of this option in 2020/21.

## Trustees Renew Locally Developed Courses

- The Board renewed several expiring Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) for the next four years. The list of LDCs will be sent to Alberta Education for final approval.
- LDCs are developed, acquired and authorized by school authorities to provide students with unique opportunities to explore a range of interests. They allow school authorities to be innovative and responsive at the local level.

## RVS Requests Additional Modular Units to Address Enrolment Growth

- Despite pressing needs for more space to accommodate growing enrolment, no new schools were approved for RVS in the government's Budget 2021. The government is allowing school jurisdictions to

make additional requests for modular units, otherwise known as portables, to address enrolment pressures.

- RVS will add a request for 18 more modular units to its existing request from the Government of Alberta. Along with 13 modular units already requested in November 2020, the division is looking for a total of 31 units plus support to relocate eight existing modulars.
- RVS' new request includes more modular units at Bert Church High School, W.H. Croxford High School and Northcott Prairie School in Airdrie along with modulars for Bow Valley High School, Manachaban Middle School, Fireside School and Mitford School in Cochrane.

### **Three Policies Updated by the Board**

- On the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board approved changes to three policies: Policy 23 – School Attendance Areas, Policy 25 – Community Engagement and Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development. These policies were updated to provide further clarity, simplification and alignment with current practice and various government acts.
- Specifically in Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development, the Board reduced the professional learning funds available to trustees over their four-year term while maintaining honoraria and expenses at their current level in the policy. This policy will come into effect in November, following this year's municipal elections.