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The Board Officially Creates Two New Online Schools

- The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) formalized the creation of two new online schools, which will open to students this fall.
- Approximately 430 students registered for Grade 1-9 or and 175 for Grade 10-12.
- For 2021/22, the high school offering will repurpose the existing school name of RVS Online. A request to establish the elementary/middle school offering – which will be known as RVS Elementary/Middle Online will be sent to Alberta Education for approval.
- In the coming year, the schools will involve families, students and staff in a process to come up with permanent names, which will be sent to the Board for consideration.

IMR and CMR Funds Allocated to Projects Across RVS

- The Board approved maintenance and renewal spending totaling \$5.6 million for the upcoming school year. These funding allocations are brought forward by administration annually.
- Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) projects approved by the Board include mechanical upgrades at Elbow Valley Elementary School, furnace and makeup air unit replacement at Manachaban Middle School, LED lighting and ceiling tile upgrades at Bert Church High School, roof replacement at Glenbow Elementary School and building envelop and drainage work at R.J. Hawkey Elementary School. These projects will be completed this summer.
- Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) funding projects will be completed throughout the 2021/22 school year at various facilities. These projects include student washroom and change room upgrades, installing assisted barrier free washrooms, renovating a foods room and maintaining flooring, roofing, washroom fixtures and concrete walks.

Policies Revised to Align with New Strategic Plan Policy

- Minor amendments to three policies – Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board, Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee and Board Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent – were approved by the Board to bring them into alignment with Board Policy 9 – Strategic Plan, which was adopted on June 3. Board Policy 9 provides a framework for the creation of a divisional strategic plan.

PDLC Operating Guidelines Reviewed and Updated

- Changes to the Professional Development Leave Committee (PDLC) Operating Guidelines were adopted by the Board. The PDLC administers funds for teaching staff to put towards professional learning opportunities. These guidelines are reviewed annually.
- Notable changes include increasing monies for the Professional Learning Spending Account to \$1,000 from \$750 and expanding the category of professional resources to include more than just books.

The Board Listens to Presentations from Various Delegations

- The Board welcomes feedback, questions and ideas from all stakeholders. Understanding the various perspectives and concerns of RVS school communities helps the Board make decisions in the best interest of students, families and staff. Information on the process to present to the Board is available on the RVS website.
- Four delegations presented to the Board at its meeting. Topics included: building a school in Irricana; impacts of COVID-19 measures on students; requested name change for George McDougall High School; and funding for a Chestermere field upgrade project.