



SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Board Alters School Calendar to Observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- In recognition of the new federal holiday, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) voted to adjust the 2021/22 school calendar to make Sept. 30 a non-instructional day for students and staff. There will be no classes in school or online Thursday, Sept. 30.
- Adjusting the calendar allows RVS to provide an opportunity for families and staff to recognize and commemorate the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools and to honour the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve for those who were lost.
- While it is unfortunate this calendar adjustment was made with little notice to families, RVS believes as a public education institution it is an important step as part of our commitment to truth and reconciliation.

Back-to-School Update Highlights Increased Enrolment, Two New Online Schools, and Indus School Renovation

- Superintendent Greg Luterbach provided a verbal update to the Board on the beginning of the 2021/22 school year. He highlighted RVS' preliminary enrolment, which appear to be above the division's projections. Finalized enrolment numbers will be provided at a future Board meeting.
- This school year marks the first with two online schools in RVS. Approximately 800 students registered for either the online elementary/middle school or high school. Since registration closed in May, RVS has accommodated between 90 and 95 requests to change either from in-person to online schooling or vice versa, mostly for medical reasons.
- Finally, Luterbach highlighted some facility changes in RVS impacting the beginning of the school year, include completed renovations at Indus School, waterworks in the area of Prince of Peace Lutheran School, and road closures in the Springbank and Cochrane areas.

Board Updates Terms of Reference for Two Committees

- The Board approved a new Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Audit Committee, increasing the number of public members to three and adding non-voting administration positions.
- The Planning Committee TOR was also updated to delegate authority to determine the process for developing a divisional strategic plan.