

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

APRIL 7, 2022

### Student Initiatives Build Community and Sense of Belonging at New RVS Online High School

- Students and teachers from RVS' new online high school's Leadership class presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) some of the unique ways students have been building a school culture in an online context.
- In a matter of months, the class successfully supported their school community in cultivating a distinctive school culture in an online environment through a positive social media routine, online events for students, mentorship of RVS Elementary/Middle Online School students and assisting with the school's Wellness Summit, to name a few.
- These programs have supported students in building friendships, strengthening connections between students and teachers and inspired new ways of learning.
- Both online schools look forward to welcoming students from beyond RVS' designated areas for the 2022/23 school year. Registration is open now and families are encouraged to explore this online learning option if they think it might be a fit for them.

### RVS' Newest Schools to be Officially Named Discovery Trails Online School and Summit Trails Online High School

- Students and staff at RVS' newest schools will take another step in forming their school's identity with new permanent names.
- Following thorough engagement with students, families and staff for input at both schools, a creative process within the division and thoughtful consideration of the Board, new permanent names were approved. The elementary/middle school has been named Discovery Trails Online School and the high school is Summit Trails Online High School.
- The new school names reflect the unique nature of these online educational environments and evoke a sense of exploration and achievement as students progress through each grade.

### Transportation Fees Will Not Increase for 2022/23 and Early Registration Discount will Continue

- The Board voted to maintain transportation fees for RVS students at the current level of \$325 for the upcoming 2022/23 school year and increased the early registration discount incentive from \$25 to \$40 for the first two students in a family, and from \$12.50 to \$20 for each additional child. The early registration incentive offers a savings to parents/guardians who register their children for busing before June 24 and helps RVS in pre-planning routes for September.

- Maintaining current transportation fees is possible due to work of RVS to maintain an efficient, safe system in partnership with Calgary Catholic School Division.