

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

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Exemplary Practice: East Lake School Supporting Students Through Collaborative Team Approach

- The learning support team at East Lake School in Chestermere presented information about a framework it has developed which identifies students in need of support and delivers it through a collaborative team model. After noticing a gap in how student needs were identified, this team developed the model to ensure students' needs are identified early in their education and teachers are empowered to get students the help they need.
- Through this framework student needs are met using a broad range of strategies and the team works closely with students' families and teachers to offer individualized support.
- The presentation outlined the development and progression of this framework and the learning support team's future goals. All RVS schools are encouraged to connect with the team for information and guidance on the framework.

Edwin Parr Nominee

- Each year, school boards across Alberta nominate exceptional first-year teachers for the Edwin Parr Award, given out annually by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA). Six K-12 first-year teachers from across the province (one from each ASBA Zone) are honoured each year at the ASBA Fall General Meeting.
- RVS' nominee for the 2023 Edwin Parr Award is Brandy Perry, a teacher at Beiseker Community School. Perry has organized engaging activities to bring the elementary and high school students together for shared experiences and volunteers in many ways to support the school. Perry has coached two different sports teams, participated in multiple student council events, and helped with a school-wide talent show. She has fully and seamlessly integrated into Rocky View Schools and Beiseker Community School connecting with students and staff in all grades.

Board Shares its Response to Alberta Education's Budget 2023 School Projects Announcement

- Despite the Board's unwavering efforts to sound the alarm on this crisis, the provincial government did not recognize RVS student needs.
- Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere desperately needed provincial government approval for new schools now. By 2026 RVS will have more students than spaces. With the four years it takes to build a school, RVS is already years behind. No new school full construction approvals are a space crisis for RVS.
- It takes about four years to build a new school after a division receives construction funding approval. While receiving some design, planning and pre-planning funding offers some hope for new schools in the

future, it pushes that space relief out for Airdrie high school students and Cochrane and Chestermere elementary students to five to six years or more.

Board Sets Meeting Dates for 2023/24

- Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meeting dates for 2023/24 which have been set to accommodate regular school breaks (spring, February, etc.) and planning activities.
- The meeting dates will be posted on the division's website, rockyview.ab.ca