

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 26, 2023

### RE: RVS Clarifies Inaccurate Information on School Construction Funding from Alberta Government

The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees believes it is important to publicly clarify inaccurate information recently stated by Mr. Peter Guthrie about our school division as it relates to funding for school projects.

On two recent occasions, Mr. Guthrie accused the RVS Board and administration of lying to parents about the capital approvals received from the provincial government in Budget 2023.

A letter was sent from Board Chair Norma Lang to Mr. Guthrie today addressing the Board's concerns and requesting Mr. Guthrie retract and clarify the construction funding approvals received for RVS in Budget 2023 included in his recent public comments.

RVS firmly stands by the [statement shared with our families](#) on March 9, 2023, that "the Alberta government did not include our division in the school projects approved for 2023 **construction funding.**"

Excerpts from the letter to Mr. Guthrie are below. The full letter is available on the [RVS website](#).

"Mr. Guthrie, the Board has been honest, factual and consistent with the information we shared about the status of our school capital plan requests.

The letter sent to all RVS families' email addresses and posted on our [website](#) March 9, 2023, is one of many examples of our transparency with parents and the public about this important matter. You will see we stated that 'the Alberta government did not include our division in the school projects approved for 2023 **construction funding.**' We acknowledged in the same letter that RVS was granted design funding and preliminary planning funding for a total of four projects. Your accusation that we lied to parents is not true. We were factual in our communication that we received no construction funding in Budget 2023 for these four projects.

Mr. Guthrie, we request that you retract and clarify that RVS did not lie to parents as there was no construction funding approvals for any of these four projects received for RVS in Budget 2023.

The Board believes to uphold the trust of our families, staff, students and stakeholders it is important that we clarify this information publicly."

More information about RVS' critical need for space for students is available on the division [website](#).

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