

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

June 13, 2024

### Request For Funding of Artificial Turf Field Project at Ed Eggerer Athletic Park

- A delegation from the City of Airdrie made a presentation to the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) requesting funding of \$600,000 towards an artificial turf field project currently under construction at the Ed Eggerer Athletic Park near Bert Church High School in Airdrie.

### Upgrades and Essential Replacement Projects in Schools Prioritized for 2024/25

- Providing safe, well-maintained schools for our students and staff is a goal within RVS' Strategic Plan. Each year, RVS prioritizes necessary maintenance and renewal projects at schools across the division in support of this goal.
- In March of 2024, as part of the provincial budget, RVS was granted \$2,864,478 for Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) projects for the 2024/25 school year. While this funding will allow RVS to undertake many of the needed and ongoing maintenance projects in division schools, more funding is required to keep up with the stresses placed on facilities by growing enrolment and utilization.
- Projects to be undertaken include interior painting at schools in Airdrie, Chestermere and Cochrane, flooring replacement at schools in Crossfield, Bragg Creek and Cochrane, adding air conditioning units to select modulars across RVS, and laminate replacements at schools throughout the division.

### Computer and Technology Infrastructure Enhanced to Support Learning

- RVS' Technology for Learning department is committed to ensuring staff and students have up-to-date devices to support student-centred, personalized, authentic learning as well as a robust infrastructure to support technology that aligns with both RVS' Strategic Plan and Alberta Education's Learning and Technology Policy Frameworks.
- During the 2023/24 school year, the department replaced aging devices in the core infrastructure, leading to more stable and robust systems. Portable computers, school projectors and school desktop computers were replaced as part of the division's annual evergreening plan.
- Working with the Communications department, a new corporate website and 49 new school websites were launched before the end of the school year. These websites provide visitors with easy access to the information they need and provide a window into school culture and learning.
- The infrastructure team monitors applications and systems performance to ensure reliable and consistent uptime, allowing teachers to deliver classroom instruction to students without interruption. The team successfully maintained 100 per cent uptime (reliability) for key systems throughout the year.

### **Locally Developed Courses Fulfill Students' Special Interest Needs**

- The Board approved the renewal of several Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) and the acquisition of one new LDC beginning in the 2024/25 school year in the following subjects: ESL Expository English, Gender Studies, Military Studies, Reading Foundations and Treaties and Sovereignty.
- LDCs are courses which are developed by other jurisdictions, allowing school authorities to be innovative and responsive at the local level and offering students a unique opportunity to explore a range of interests that complement provincial programs of study.

### **Board Extends its Appreciation and Best Wishes to all Staff and Students**

- The Board expressed its thanks to all staff and students for their efforts to make the school year a success and wishes all RVS staff, students and families a happy and healthy summer break.