

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Nov. 14, 2024

### Student Academic Achievement Showcased

Seven students who achieved 100 per cent on a diploma exam were recognized by the Board of Rocky View Schools (RVS) for their outstanding achievement. The students cited several reasons for their success on the June diploma exams, from study habits to sample exams to family support. The students are:

- Sofia Abad Chisholm, Cochrane High School – Biology 30
- Pavneet Gill, Chestermere High School – Biology 30
- Sophie Mullin, Cochrane High School – Math 30-1
- Isabel Pedersen, Cochrane High School – Biology 30
- Ruoxi Qu, Bow Valley High School – Physics 30
- Gobind Singh Jaswal, Bert Church High School – Biology 30
- Alyssa Tai, Springbank Community High School – Biology 30 and Chemistry 30

The Board extends its sincere admiration to each student for their impressive academic achievement.

### Annual Education Results Report Highlights RVS' Accomplishments and Challenges

Each year, RVS is required to produce an Annual Education Results Report to provide assurance to community members and report back to the provincial government on the division's successes and challenges regarding the performance measures in the 2023-27 Education Plan. The 2022/23 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) includes stories from around RVS – in classrooms, in the community and in professional practice – in a friendly, approachable manner, and data collected through the OurSCHOOL comprehensive survey completed by students in Grades 4 to 12. Results from the survey provide rich data for our schools which is used in school education plans for both goal setting and measuring success.

Highlights of the 2023/24 AERR:

- The survey shows RVS students have experienced positive growth in both their literacy and numeracy skills.
- The percentage of students achieving results on par with the provincial average on diploma exams has either increased or been maintained.
- Math 30-1 diploma exam results have improved substantially over the last three years, from 49 to 73 per cent.
- The high school completion rate for RVS students continue to exceed the provincial average.
- Engagement with RVS' Indigenous Learning branch, Elders and Knowledge Keepers indicates a strong endorsement of the division's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

The AERR also includes information about areas where RVS is intending to take action, such as ongoing and meaningful integration of career-based learning for students from Grade 1 to 12, continual review of current student accommodation to optimize limited space while we wait for new schools to be built and open and completion of the RVS Writing Assessment for Grades 1, 2, 4 and 5.

### By-Law to Amend Ward Boundaries Passes

By-Law 2024-01 Amendments to Ward Boundaries passed third reading. The changes include amalgamating current wards 2 and 4 into a single rural ward and adding an additional trustee for the Town of Cochrane. A review of the current ward boundaries was undertaken to ensure fair representation by constituents given the population growth in many of RVS' communities.

## Committee Terms of Reference and Board Policies Revised

The terms of reference for the Board's Policy Committee and Labour Relations Committee have been revised to improve clarity and ensure each reflects the full responsibilities of the committee.

Minor edits have been made to Board Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority. In addition, changes have been made to some wording in Board Policy 15 – School Closures to better reflect current practice.