



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Each month the Board Key Messages are shared at School Council Meetings. See your school's website for information about upcoming meetings and agendas.

- 1) FACES Summer Program** - Facilitating Awareness and Character building Education for Students (FACES) was founded in 1999 by Rick Bullock, FACES Founder & Director. The Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership have joined with FACES Education to offer this innovative and life changing summer school program to thousands of Alberta students across the province. Rick Bullock and Ammi Saunders, Grade 11 FP Walshe student, provided an update to the Board of Trustees.

FACES has wrapped up its 25th year and are happy to report a very successful and impacting year for FACES students and staff. The summer program has grown from one session in 1999 to 15 sessions in 2024. This past summer the program included 10 first-year, Challenge sessions, and 5 second-year, Journey sessions. FACES had a much larger interest in the third year Service program than the previous year. The Service program students accompanied either Challenge or Journey sessions and provided support and mentorship as needed.

Demand for participation in the FACES program was higher than ever and we were virtually full within one week of the general registration opening. More than 600 students completed the courses and earning credits toward their high school diploma. LRSD students are given early registration opportunities each year.

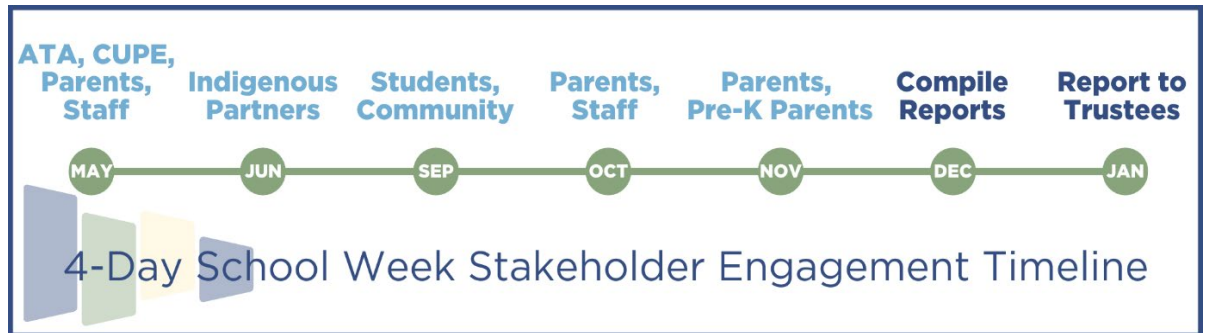
- 2) 4 Day School Week Update** – Karly Bond, Coordinator of Communications, Culture, & Engagement presented an update to the Board of Trustees regarding the 4 day school week. The following are highlights from her presentation:

- LRSD has an very informative website page dedicated to the 4 Day School Week (<https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/4-day-school-week>) with a downloadable [4-day school week overview](#)
- LRSD is very interested in hearing from our stakeholders; parents, students and staff. If you have any questions, concerns, comments or would like more

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information not already covered on the 4 day school week webpage please email [4dayweek@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:4dayweek@lrsd.ab.ca)

- c. The Livingstone Range School Division Board of Trustees will decide if implementing a 4-day school week is in the best interest of student success, budget efficiencies, and staff retention and recruitment. There will not be a parent survey. Parents have been surveyed in the past and the Board understands there are varying opinions and perspectives on this topic. The Board has decided to engage stakeholders as outlined below. We are happy to announce that we are right on target with our proposed stakeholder engagement timeline:



- d. There will be a Regional School Council meeting held on October 29, 2024, starting at 6:00 pm refreshments, 6:30 pm meeting start time. The board will be gathering parent perspective on a potential 4 day school week and would like to have each school represented at this meeting. Each school is limited to two school council parent reps. The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, in-person at the GR Davis Administration Building, Division Office, 410-20<sup>th</sup> Street Fort Macleod or a virtual link will be sent to your school council chairs.

### 3) Advocacy Points for the 2024-25 School Year & Methods of Sharing Board Information – The Board of Trustees approved the Advocacy Points for the 2024-25 school year and the Methods of Sharing Advocacy Communication Plan.

#### a. Advocacy Points:

- i. Livingstone Range School Division develops meaningful relationships and collaborates with community partners in the best interest of 'Every student, every day.'
- ii. In the interest of student wellness and success, we advocate for student mental health through an extension of the Mental Health in Schools pilot program and cross-ministry efforts with Alberta Health Services.
- iii. Livingstone Range School Division advocates to the provincial government for predictable, sustainable, and ample funding for student instruction, operations, maintenance, transportation, and student support.

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- iv. We recommend all levels of government proactively create favorable conditions for the recruitment and retention of educational staff.

**b. Method of Sharing Advocacy Communication Plan:**

- i. [Advocacy link](#) on the LRSD website where information is shared.
- ii. Communicate appropriate board initiatives/letters with the ATA Liaison Committee.
- iii. Share relevant letters with the Parent Council along with key messages.
- iv. Send appropriate initiatives/letters to local newspapers and Rural Caucus.
- v. Share board initiatives/letters with the school administration at Admin Council meetings.

**4) 2024-2025 Enrolment Numbers** - Mr. Jeff Perry, Associate Superintendent, Business Services updated the Board of Trustees with the actual enrolment numbers for the Livingstone Range School Division as of September 27, 2024. The Division is up 2.71 students from the projected enrolment count. The actual enrolment count is 3595.96; this includes all Schools; Outreach Schools, Colony Schools, Home Education Students, Virtual School Students and International Students and includes part-time and full time students.

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