

# Board of Trustees Advocacy Priorities

## We believe that **student** success requires:



### **Space for Students**

**New Schools** – as one of Alberta's fastest growing school jurisdictions, government must provide new schools in alignment with the needs of growing communities with increasing student populations.

**School Sites** – municipalities should prioritize right-sized, shovel-ready sites for new schools in early phases of any land development plans.

**Modulars** – government must provide modular classroom approvals and funding to address student enrolment growth while new schools are being built.



#### **Funding for Students**

**Prioritize Public Education** – government funding for public education must be prioritized and strengthened recognizing the societal benefits of this critical investment.

**Equitable Funding** – all students need government funding every year. The current funding model (weighted moving average method) considers an enrolment average for the previous, current and projected school year. For a growing district like RVS, funding does not keep up with the number of new students.



### **Support for Students**

**Student Health and Wellness** – additional supports need to be provided both provincially across ministerial departments and locally through community policing, Family and Community Support Services and not-for-profit organizations, to support the increasing number, complexity and diversity of student needs.

**Local Decision Making** – as representatives of the community, locally-elected school board trustees, empowered with the flexibility and autonomy to make local decisions, are in the best position to understand and reflect the values and priorities of our students and families.

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