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Prince of Peace Lutheran School to Close August 2022

- The Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to close Prince of Peace Lutheran School, effective August 2022.
- New Christian programs will be offered for Kindergarten-Grade 6 at East Lake School and for Grades 7-9 at Chestermere Lake Middle School if sufficient numbers make the program viable. Details about this new program will be determined this coming fall.
- In February, RVS was informed that the property owner of the current facility would execute their right to terminate the lease effective Aug. 5, 2022. With the building no longer available, the Board initiated a consultation process March 18 to determine the future of the school.

School Fees Schedule Set for Upcoming School Year

- The Board established the school fees schedule as required by the *Education Act*.
- Most course fees will remain the same with a few existing course fees increasing by no more than two per cent.
- Some new fees have been introduced, mostly for optional courses, activities and extracurriculars.
- School fee schedules will be posted on school websites before the beginning of the 2021/22 school year.

Board Approves Reduced Transportation Fees by up to 20% for 2021/22

- The Board voted to implement reduced transportation fees for next year. Each year, transportation fees are updated to reflect projected expenses and revenues of RVS' Transportation department.
- The Transportation department continues to look for efficiencies to offset any cost increases for fuel and transportation services. The department was able to find efficiencies and reduce some routes this school year and is working with Calgary Catholic School District to further reduce and combine routes for both divisions.
- In an effort to encourage families to register early, RVS will also offer a discounted rate for families that register for transportation early and pay at least half their fees by June 25.

Community Use Fees to Remain Unchanged

- The Board voted to maintain rental fees for community use at their current rates for the 2021/22 school year.
- To reduce barriers for use, RVS has sourced an insurance policy to cover use of its facilities by community users. All community users will be charged \$10 per booking and not require their own liability insurance for the use of RVS' facilities.
- Community use has been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is the hope that it will resume in the 2021/22 year.