

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Sept. 8, 2022

Preliminary Enrolment Numbers Show Significant Student Growth

- Rocky View Schools' (RVS) student numbers continue to climb, a trend the division has experienced for several years.
- As of Tues., Sept. 6, 2022, enrolment is 27,772, an increase of 1,110 students or 4.3 per cent over the 2021/22 school year. RVS will submit final numbers to the government Sept. 29.
 - This number exceeds RVS' projection in January which considers community growth, grade-to-grade growth, historical trends, and census and birth rate data.
- RVS is in urgent need of government approval and funding for new schools, additions and modular classrooms to accommodate our fast-growing communities. The Board is committed to advocating for the provincial government to fund the space needed for RVS students and relieve the pressures in our schools.

Trustees Receive School Facility Improvements Update

- Director of Operations, Colette Winter provided trustees with information about upgrades to several RVS facilities which took place over the summer. Some highlights include:
 - Modular classrooms added to Northcott Prairie School in Airdrie
 - Mechanical upgrade, adding classrooms where there were offices on the second floor, downsizing the cafeteria to add additional classroom space, and renovation of the foods/cosmetology spaces at George McDougall High School in Airdrie;
 - Partial roof replacement at Chestermere High School;
 - Cochrane artificial turf project;
 - Renovations to the lunchroom/activity space at Springbank Middle School;
 - Improvements to the landscaping at the front entrance of Cochrane's Fireside School; and
 - Construction of an outdoor classroom at Airdrie's Windsong Heights School.
- Some of the projects involved the redesignation of existing non-teaching spaces and converting current learning spaces for multi-purpose use as necessary solutions to keep class sizes reasonable as those schools continue to grow.

Board Approves Changes to Hearings on Teacher Transfer Policy

- The changes to Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfer included renaming and renumbering of some sections to align the process from beginning to end and clarifying some of the language, definitions and titles throughout the policy.

Board Organizational Meeting Set for Sept. 22

- In accordance with the *Education Act*, the Board is required to hold an Organizational Meeting once a year at which the Board chair and vice-chair will be appointed, and Board committee membership determined.
- This year's Organizational Meeting will be held Thurs., Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the RVS Education Centre or via the posted Zoom link.