

Media Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 15, 2024

RE: New school in Langdon officially named Horseshoe Crossing High School

On Feb. 15, the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) approved a name for the division's newest high school in Langdon. The school has been named Horseshoe Crossing High School.

"The Board is excited to select a name symbolizing Langdon's community and history while paying homage to Langdon's emblem, an upside-down horseshoe," said Board Chair, Fiona Gilbert. "The horseshoe represents both good fortune and generosity of spirit, two characteristics we wish for this new school community."

"Horseshoe" also mirrors the town's geography, notably its horseshoe-shaped railway turnaround. The school's location near landmarks like the "Iron Horse" Fields and Deadhorse Road underscores the region's rich equestrian and railway heritage. "Crossing" symbolizes the historic paths of the Blackfoot people, who camped in and around the area of Langdon in their travels. It is also representative of the journey students undertake toward their future.

"Langdon is the Good Luck Town, so Horseshoe Crossing is a very fitting name for this school," said Ward 2 Trustee, Shelley Kinley. "It was an honour to work with community members to develop a meaningful school name that reflects the history and rural roots of the area. We now look to the new school community to create their own history and traditions."

The name is the result of work done by a Naming Committee established on Dec. 19, 2023. The committee included the local RVS trustee, divisional and school staff, community representatives, parents/guardians and a student. Members of the community were also given the opportunity to suggest potential names to the committee.

"Naming a new school is the first step in developing a unique school identity," said Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach. "We are excited to see how this new educational community embodies this name and develops its school culture in the coming years."

Construction of the school is ongoing. Horseshoe Crossing High School will open for Grades 9-11 in September 2024, with plans to expand to Grade 12 the following year.

-30-

For more information contact:

Ben Sherick

Communications Officer

bsherick@rockyview.ab.ca