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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 25, 2025 RE: RVS observes Earth Day with fifth annual Helping Hands Cleanup

Every April since 2021, Rocky View Schools' (RVS) has hosted the annual Helping Hands Cleanup as an observation of Earth Day. The fifth annual Helping Hands Cleanup will take place April 29-May 2. During the cleanup, staff and students at most schools across the division will keep their school grounds beautiful by collecting garbage from their playground areas. This year, a record 39 schools will head outside to keep their school grounds beautiful.

"Over the last five years, the Helping Hands Cleanup has become a significant event for many of our school communities. It's great to see a record number of schools participating in this year's cleanup," said Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach. "This is an excellent way to get students outside, take ownership of their school's grounds by collecting litter and embody the environmental stewardship that is represented by Earth Day."

To add fun to the day, members of RVS' Operations team will supply food prizes to the classes that find the most valuable item, the weirdest item, the largest item and show the best school spirit.

A partial list of schools participating in this year's cleanup is attached. Media interested in covering the Helping Hands Cleanup are invited to contact the schools listed below for more information about their cleanups.

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Chestermere Lake Middle School Contact: <u>Ashley Relling</u>

Rainbow Creek Elementary School Contact: <u>Robyn Napier</u>

Cochrane

Bow Valley High School Contact: <u>Coleman Massey</u>

Cochrane Christian Academy Contact: Sarah Steinke

Elizabeth Barrett Elementary School Contact: <u>Gerry Gaudet</u>

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Crossfield

Crossfield Elementary School Contact: Jordan Flower

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