

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

June 5, 2025

### Celebrating Staff Academic Achievement

Staff who have gained a professional certificate or completed post-secondary degrees over the last year were recognized by the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) at a [special ceremony June 5](#). The Board offers its congratulations to the 25 staff members who were recognized and who exemplify RVS' commitment to life-long learning and leadership in learning.

### Technology for Learning Enhances Classrooms with Modern Tools and Dedicated Support

RVS' Technology for Learning department provides devices and technology support for approximately 29,200 students and more than 3,000 staff. The department maintains up-to-date technology at the network, client and user level and is committed to ensuring these are secure and reliable through monitoring of application and system performance. The introduction of an online support centre and ticket system during the 2024/25 school year ensured the department was able to respond to requests for support quickly and efficiently. Cybersecurity remained a top priority with changes and enhancements to RVS' systems implemented to ensure these remain secure and minimize potential system outages.

Bolstering RVS' infrastructure is a goal in the division's strategic plan and this year approximately \$1.5 million was allocated for additional WIFI access points and network switches as well as more than 2,200 new devices for use by students, teachers and staff. Additional training and support were provided by the Educational Technology department, with topics including the responsible use of generative AI in the classroom and assistive technology. Department staff provided in-class implementation support of many applications which support RVS' goals of improving literacy and numeracy and helping to build future-ready students.

### Student Suspensions Trending Downward

An analysis of the rate of student suspensions in 2024/25 by administration has shown the rate is trending downward. Trustees were provided with trend data on various categories of suspensions. An increasing number of families continue to access a number of supports for their children who might be struggling. The Board will continue to advocate for an increase in funding for mental health and well-being supports to meet the evolving needs of our students.

### Response Received from Minister of Education and Childcare

On May 28, the Board received correspondence from the Minister of Education and Child Care in response to its March 19 letter. The letter reiterated the Board's priorities of advocating for a more equitable funding model for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students and a steady stream of capital project approvals to alleviate future space pressures on RVS students and staff. In his response, the Minister highlighted the shift to a two-year average enrolment funding model and commended the Board for contributing to this important conversation.

### Board Participation in Provincial SGM Reinforces Commitment to Strong Public Education

The Board was pleased to attend the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting, held June 1–3, where trustees from across the province gathered for meaningful dialogue, professional learning and policy debate. This semi-annual event provided valuable opportunities to share insights, build relationships and strengthen collective advocacy.

The Board's participation in the meeting reflects its ongoing commitment to the advancement of quality public education in Alberta.

The Board extends its appreciation to Trustees Baziuk, Bowen and Brand for their active involvement in ASBA. Through their leadership, they continue to represent the division with integrity, strengthen collaboration among school boards and help shape policy that supports students and school communities across Alberta.

### **Honouring 21 Years of Service**

The Board congratulates Murray Besenski on his upcoming retirement. Murray has been a valued member of RVS since June 1, 2004, serving as Associate Superintendent of Schools for over 21 years. Throughout his tenure, he has provided exceptional support to our system, staff and students and we acknowledge the significant legacy he leaves behind – one marked by integrity, service and a genuine dedication to student success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Murray for his unwavering commitment and many years of distinguished service to Rocky View Schools.