

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Sept. 18, 2025

### Building Blocks of Learning Come to Life at Herons Crossing School

Across Rocky View Schools (RVS), dedicated literacy and numeracy intervention blocks led by learning specialists help strengthen foundational learning for students in Kindergarten – Grade 3 (K – 3). Learning specialists use high impact strategies, routines and resources during these blocks to strengthen students' literacy and numeracy abilities, build their confidence and find ways of making math, reading and writing more fun.

Teachers from Herons Crossing presented to the Board of Trustees of RVS about their experience working with the learning specialists to introduce this concept to students last year. Teachers shared how gratifying it was to watch the approach come alive with students who gained confidence and strengthened their skills. Learning specialists emphasized the benefits to students of sharing resources and diagnostic tools and working collaboratively with the teachers to advance professional learning and outcomes. Scores in literacy and numeracy have improved in all three grades since the blocks were implemented.

This work directly supports Goal 1 of RVS' Education Plan, advancing students' numeracy and literacy skills. More is available on the RVS [website](#).

### Student Enrolment Nearly 29,500 in September

As of September 17, enrolment in RVS schools was 29,492. This is a one per cent increase compared to September 2024. Final enrolment numbers must be submitted to the provincial government on Sept. 30, and these numbers are not official. Enrolment will continue to fluctuate throughout the year. RVS projected an enrolment of 29,730 students for 2025/26.

### Administration Coordinating Key Details for Trustee Election

In preparation for the next municipal general election in Alberta, RVS' returning officer is working with administration to coordinate various aspects of the election to ensure compliance with the Alberta Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA). This has included communicating important nomination information, election dates and polling station locations on the RVS [website](#) and in ads placed in local newspapers. RVS held an online information session for potential candidates on Sept. 11 with 14 individuals joining the call. A second information session for official candidates will be held Sept. 25 after nominations close, Sept. 22.

### Administrative Procedures Updated to Comply with Provincial Act

The Province's Bill 27: *Education Amendment Act*, 2024, came into effect in December 2024. It includes new regulations all school divisions in the province must follow, including new requirements in sport, notification for health procedures and new parent opt-in requirement for education with sexual content. A ministerial order introduced guidelines for access to school literary materials. RVS updated several Administrative Procedures and communicated the details to school-based teachers and employees.

## Board Decides to Discontinue Pre-Kindergarten Funding for 2026/27

The Board of Trustees has decided to discontinue funding the RVS' Pre-Kindergarten program beginning in the 2026/27 school year due in part to a significant gap between government funding and the actual costs of delivering the program. The Board remains committed to advocating for full and sustainable government funding for programs like Pre-Kindergarten so all children can access the supports they need to succeed.

The program is intended to provide additional supports for pre-school aged children who have complexities to equip them for greater success as they progress through their education.

## Board Policies Updated

RVS' Board policies are routinely reviewed and updated. With the introduction of Bill 51: *Education Amendment Act, 2025*, the Board approved a change to Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct to align with the new provincial regulation preventing a school board from removing a trustee.

The Board also approved changes to Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters to bring clarity to the appeal process for RVS families and employees.

## Advocacy for Increased Support for Students to Continue

The Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education in May, following approval of the division budget, advocating for adequate and equitable funding for RVS students. The Minister responded in a letter sent to the Board on Sept. 7 outlining the Government of Alberta's planned investments within Budget 2025. The Board appreciates the increases; however, significant gaps remain – both within the funding model and in the overall level of support. Advocacy efforts for increased support for students will continue to provide every learner with an education that meets their needs and is supported by well-funded programs and resources.

## Meeting with MLA Sawyer

On September 16, trustees met with Tara Sawyer, the newly elected MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. The Board appreciates MLA Sawyer's interest in RVS and her advocacy for youth and looks forward to working together in support of RVS students, families, and communities.

## Proposed Land Exchange in Cochrane to be Submitted to the Province

RVS will submit a request to the province for Ministerial approval on a land exchange with the Town of Cochrane at 129 Powell Street. This exchange will consolidate the Cochrane Christian Academy school site and address a public road right of way for the Town.