



# BOARD

January 23, 2025

# highlights

Board of Trustees with Student Success presenters (front, left to right): Niki Hofer (parent and owner of Niko's Dance Team), Ryley School Principal Maria Schaade, students Payton, Brycen, Alyson, Gabby, Manny; (back, left to right): Doug Algar, Patrick McFeely, teacher Karen Arychuk, Lyle Albrecht, Karen Belich, Dwight Dibben

## School Calendar 2025-26

The Board has approved the 2025-26 school calendar. Thank you to families, staff and students who provided feedback. Please find the [calendar here](#).

## 2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BRSD School Calendar for 2025-26 is available on our website.



## Early Learning Fees

The Board approved Early Learning Fees for BRSD's 2025-26 school year. Current fees are posted on our [Early Learning web page](#).

## Student Success

The Board received a presentation from Ryley School students on the Ryley students' creative version of the *The Nutcracker*, which the students performed at Ryley School on Dec. 12, 2024.

This performance offered opportunities captured in the students' presentation:

### Fostering Shared Goals and Collective Growth Among Teachers and Students

- Community Building: fostering school spirit, teamwork, individual talent and mentorship, as well as leadership and community connection opportunities
- Cross-Disciplinary Learning: creating a multidisciplinary experience through option classes while integrating arts education as part of a holistic curriculum
- Skill Development: providing students with diverse learning opportunities to improve interpersonal skills, creativity and critical thinking.
- Cultural Enrichment: celebrating Ukrainian dance to honor the heritage of many families in the school community while creating local cultural awareness during the holiday season
- Showcasing Talent: providing a platform to share the students' hard work and talents with the community while demonstrating the value of arts education

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## Value Scoping

The Board of Trustees conducted two-day value scoping sessions in the City of Camrose on January 8 and 9, and in the Town of Tofield on January 21 and 22. These sessions, facilitated by consultants, helped the Board to gather stakeholder insight to provide information for their capital plan priorities. The Board will also conduct value scoping for Hay Lakes School.

During these sessions, BRSD collaborated with staff, students, school council members, community stakeholders, as well as Alberta Education, gathering feedback to assist in the early identification of capital needs within the City of Camrose and Town of Tofield. In this way, practical options such as grade configurations and capacity assessments can be assessed and prepared for the time that funding becomes available.

Once feedback is consolidated by the consultants who facilitated the sessions, the Board will receive a report which will be used to approve the capital plan. The current capital plan is [here](#).



## Budget Assumptions

To support 2025-26 budget decisions, the Board discussed budget assumptions. Budget assumptions include estimates and facts that support the development of the division's budget based on the best information available when the 2025-26 budget is prepared.

## Locally Developed Courses

The Board of Trustees approved BRSD's list of Locally Developed Courses (LDCs).

Our list has recently been expanded to support student learning while accommodating the various needs and interests of students. LDCs engage students in learning and engage students who may be at risk of leaving school early.

They also provide students with opportunities to explore curricular areas with increased depth, providing them with advanced learning opportunities that they are passionate about. Students can explore areas of interest that align with their future post-secondary education and potential career paths.

## Community Engagement

As part of the Board's Community Engagement Plan, members met with the Viking Town Council on Mon., Jan. 20, 2025.

The discussion focused on the Board's political advocacy plan, including their strategic plan, capital priorities, and other priorities. This meeting reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to collaboration with community stakeholders to advance initiatives.

## Reports

The Board of Trustees continues to receive reports from BRSD Senior Leadership: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources and Secretary-Treasurer.

## Events and Meetings

Upcoming Council of School Councils meetings:

- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025, 6:30 p.m., BRSD Division Office
- Tues., April 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Killam Public School

## Board Policy Work

This month, as part of its role in governance, the Board reviewed:

[Policy 15: Hearings on Teacher Matters](#)

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