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Alberta Education Field Services Meeting – AERR Review

The Superintendent reported on the Division's Annual Education Results Report (AERR) review meeting with Alberta Education Field Services on March 24, 2026. Key strengths highlighted include overall satisfaction rates near 90% and Catholic education measures exceeding 90%. Challenges shared include mathematics achievement, transportation funding shortfalls, and an inclusive education funding gap. Leadership reaffirmed its commitment to improving student outcomes and advocating for equitable rural funding.

Physical Security Gaps and Capital Requirements for Safe Access

Following the Minister of Education's February 2026 directive in response to the Tumbler Ridge tragedy, ECCS reviewed all sites against Administrative Procedure 140: Safe and Secure School Access. A division-wide review identified vulnerabilities in access control, surveillance coverage, and visitor verification systems across six schools. Required upgrades include AI-enabled cameras, video intercom systems, and IP-based access control. The Board was asked to support continued advocacy for provincial capital funding.

Blessed Sacrament School Kitchen Renovation – School Nutrition Program

Administration informed the Board of a proposed kitchen renovation at Blessed Sacrament School to expand food preparation capacity. The renovation, quoted by Daventry Developments Ltd., includes four new kitchen workstations, four sinks, new storage space, and ventilation and electrical upgrades. The project will enhance student wellness, support practical nutrition learning, and comply with Division procurement procedures under Administrative Procedure 505.

Board Strategic Plan – Priorities and Progress Update

The Board reviewed and approved its multi-year Strategic Plan, guiding divisional priorities across six key areas: safe and faith-filled learning environments, student achievement and well-being, inclusive education, Truth and Reconciliation, financial sustainability, and effective governance. Notable progress includes sustained assurance satisfaction rates above 90%, expanded flexible and dual credit programming, and strengthened supports including a wellness coach and Family School Liaison services. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to aligning school and divisional plans with strategic priorities and advocating for equitable provincial funding to ensure long-term system sustainability.

Three-Year Capital Plan 2026–2029 – Board Approval

The Board reviewed and approved the Three-Year Capital Plan 2026–2029 and directed Administration to submit it to Alberta Education ahead of the April 1st provincial deadline. The plan identifies three divisional capital priorities: (1) Christ King School, Stettler – a new school construction to replace a 71-year-old facility operating at 92% capacity on a structurally compromised site; (2) Blessed Sacrament School, Wainwright – modernization or replacement of a K–12 school at 91% capacity with aging mechanical systems approaching end of life; and (3) Theresetta Catholic School, Castor – modernization to address encapsulated asbestos-containing insulation and chronic HVAC failures disrupting student safety and learning. Each project is supported by enrolment data, independent building condition assessments, and pre-planning studies.

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