

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From June 20, 2017 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Budget 2017-2018

The Board of Trustees accepted the 2017-2018 Northern Gateway Regional Division Operating Budget for the upcoming school year, at their Regular Board meeting held on June 20th, 2017.

School Fees

At the June 20th, 2017 regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees acted to implement the terms of the recently passed legislation to reduce school fees. Effective September 1st, 2017 all parents are exempt from paying instructional materials fees as outline below:

	2016-2017	2017-2018
Elementary	\$60.00	\$0
Junior High	\$85.00	\$0
Senior High	\$110.00	\$0

Other fees for enhanced services, elective programs, extra-curricular activities and student transportation remain in effect.

School Lockdown

On June 9th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., two Northern Gateway Schools (Percy Baxter and Whitecourt Central) were put on a lockdown, due to an armed robbery at the Scotia Bank in Whitecourt.

Division administration will be meeting with Whitecourt RCMP to review the proper protocol involved during this type of situation, which includes the use of social media.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday, August 29th, 2017** commencing at **5:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.