

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 2018 Meeting

For Immediate Release

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### ***Student Transportation Survey***

The Board reviewed the Transportation Survey request from the Alberta Government and completed the survey as a Board. A letter will be sent out to parents introducing the survey and asking for parent/stakeholder participation.

Additionally, parents will be invited to participate via school newsletters, social media, Division media and through Parent Councils.

### ***Honouring Spirit Indigenous Shining Student Award 2018***

NGPS proudly recognized the achievements and unique qualities of nine NGPS student nominees this year. Students were recognized in a two-page feature in the *Valleyview Town and Country*, the *Whitcourt Star*, the *Mayerthorpe Freelancer* and the *Community Voice*, as well as on Division media, as students who inspire their peers, teachers and community members every day with their leadership, strength and positive attitude.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees sent a letter of congratulations to all nominees.

### ***Whitcourt School Bus Transportation Update***

Transportation became more complex in the Whitcourt area when the new Catholic high school was completed. With additional instructional hours and assignable time impacting transportation, we must expect some changes in the way we deliver transportation services in the community of Whitcourt.

NGPS Administration has been working with Principals from both NGPS and the local Catholic divisions to find a solution that will meet all requirements.

### ***NGPS Gateway Academy Summer Boot Camps***

Registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gateway Academy Summer Boot Camps is underway. Boot Camps offer unique, challenging, credit-earning experiences for students in Grades 9-12. This year, camps are running at Hilltop Jr/Sr High School in Whitcourt and at Onoway Jr/Sr High School in Onoway.



The Board highlighted the generous and significant contribution of Woodlands County in pledging an additional grant of \$5,000 toward supporting these summer learning opportunities for NGPS students.

***Capital Plan***

The 2019-22 Capital Plan was approved as presented.

***Next Meeting***

The next Board meeting will take place on **May 22, 2018** 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.

