

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From April 14, 2015 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Budget 2015

The Board was briefed on the key impacts of Budget 2015 for Northern Gateway:

- 2.7 % decrease in overall existing funding;
- enrollment growth is not funded;
- except in cases of enrollment decline, teaching positions must not be reduced; and
- school and school division reserves cannot be accessed without prior approval of Minister.

Budget 2015 significantly reduces the flexibility of school jurisdictions to address local needs and will result with staff reduction and, increased class sizes.

Division Office administration will be meeting with school administrators in the upcoming week to review school budgets for the 2015-2016 school year.

Transition to Retirement Incentive Plan

A Transition to Retirement Incentive Plan was proposed to the Board and passed by a motion of the Board at the April 14, 2015 Board Meeting. This is a one-time offer only.

To be eligible to participate in the Transition to Retirement Incentive Plan an employee shall:

- a) have reached the age of 55 years as of August 31, 2015 and
- b) have a minimum of 10 consecutive years of service with Northern Gateway Public Schools as of August 31, 2015.

The application for the Transition to Retirement Incentive Plan shall be filed no later than April 29th, 2015.

For more information regarding this plan, please contact the Human Resources Department at NGPS Division Office.

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January Diploma Exam Report

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, provided an overview of Division student performance on the January 2015 Diploma exams.

For most subject areas students are performing well, however, the Board expressed concern about student performance in Mathematics', and Physics 30. These results and strategies to improve student success will be discussed with school administrations.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday April 28th, 2015** at 10:00 a.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.