

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From January 26, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Accountability Pillar Surveys

As part of the Accountability Pillar, Alberta Education surveys teachers, students and their parents. The survey data helps to gather information on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools.

Teachers and students complete surveys online. Parents get a survey by mail. In public, separate and francophone schools, all teachers, grade 4, 7 and 10 students and their parents are surveyed. The Accountability Pillar Surveys final date for completion is Friday, February 26th, 2016.

Alberta Healthy Community Wellness Fund Jurisdictional Level Wellness Grant

Northern Gateway Public Schools applied for this Health and Wellness Grant and the Division was approved and will received \$60,000.00. Areas of focus include: Health Relationships, Active Living, Positive Social Environments and Positive Mental Health. For more information visit the Alberta Health School Community Wellness Fund website:

<http://www.wellnessfund.ualberta.ca/>

2016-2017 School Year Calendar

The Board of Trustees approved the 2016-2017 School Year calendar at their Regular Public Board meeting held on January 26th, 2016. School Year calendars are available on the Northern Gateway Public Schools website for your information.

<http://www.ngps.ca/students-and-parents/calendar>



Health & Safety Services Coordinator Report

Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety Services Coordinator presented to the Board the current School Emergency Response Plan for emergency situations should a high risk incident take place in or around Northern Gateway's schools.

The "Emergency Situations at Schools – Information Guide for Parents & Guardians" brochure was shared with the Board. The brochure is still in its Draft stage and upon completion will be distributed to all parents of Northern Gateway students within the Division.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday February 9th, 2016 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.

