

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Highlights

From April 9 meeting

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### Three Year Capital Plan 2015 - 2018

- The Board ratified the 2015 – 2018 Capital Plan submission to Alberta Education with its top priority being the additions and modernization to the Fox Creek School.

Each year, all 64 school jurisdictions and 13 charter schools submit their three-year Capital Plans to the department, which are updated annually. The proposed projects in these plans – new and replacement schools, modernizations and additions – are examined. From that Alberta Education will determine the most pressing needs as identified by the school boards. Alberta Education prioritizes these project requests by first considering school board priorities and then other criteria. The criteria include health and safety of students and staff, enrolment projects, current utilization, facility conditions and capacity for program delivery.

### Curriculum Redesign Overview

*Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services reported on Curriculum Redesign:*

- Curriculum Redesign is an initiative to create new Programs of Studies, Resources and Classroom Assessments in every subject and at every grade level from K to 12.
  - Three main reasons – Inspiring Education, the voice of Albertans have influenced the creation of the Education Act and the Ministerial Order for Student Learning – the length of time since the majority of Programs of Study have been updated – keeping up with a changing world.
  - While September 2016 has been put on government documents as the completion date, recent statements by the Minister of Education and the Deputy Minister allow for a less abrupt change within classrooms and schools.
  - This will affect all Alberta jurisdictions.
  - Prototyping is the process through which the new Curriculum will be developed. There are six projects at present in Alberta developing curricula. When the contracts for these developed curricula are complete in 2016, they will be presented to the government for approval.

For more information please visit: <http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum.aspx>

## Meeting with Town of Valleyview

- Northern Gateway Board of Trustees and administration will be meeting with Councilors from the MD of Greenview on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to continue the community consultation process.

The next Board meeting will take place Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with the regular Board Meeting at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend the regular Board meeting. For more information, please call (780) 778-2800 or toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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