

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 14, 2020

For Immediate Release

2021 – 2024 Three Year Capital Plan

The Division's Three Year Capital Plan identifies capital projects that are a priority to Northern Gateway Public Schools. The Division's Plan for 2021-2024 requests the following projects:

1. Valleyview K-12 Replacement School
2. Whitcourt K-5 Replacement School
3. Modernize Fox Creek School

The Board accepted the 2021-2024 Capital Plan as presented. The Plan can be reviewed in full on our website at <https://www.ngps.ca/download/250543>.

2022-2022 Fee Schedules

Trustees reviewed and approved the following increases to Fee Schedules:

1. 2021-2022 Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible students will increase by 5%:

- \$336.00 to \$353.00 per student
- \$168.00 to \$177.00 per half day ECS Student and \$353.00 per full day every day ECS student
- \$840.00 to \$883.00 maximum per family (3 or more children)
- \$350.00 to \$368.00 Supplemental Bus Service Fee per student
- \$175.00 to \$184.00 Supplemental Bus Service Fee half day ECS
- \$875.00 to \$920.00 maximum per family Supplemental Bus Service (3 or more children)
- \$5.50 to \$5.80 Replacement Bus Pass (Whitcourt only)

2. 2021-2022 Non-Alberta Students Tuition Fees

The 2020-2021 tuition fee for Non-Alberta students will increase from:

- \$7,420.00 full year to \$10,500.00 full year
- \$3,714.50 half year to \$5,250.00 half year

3. 2020-2021 Technology Access/Maintenance Fee

The Technology Access/Maintenance Fee for 2020-2021 will increase from:

- \$30.00 to \$31.50 per student, Grades 1-12
- \$15.00 to \$15.75 per half-day ECS student
- \$30.00 to \$31.50 per full day every day ECS student

An Update on Remote Learning

It has been four weeks since the Alberta Government announced the province-wide closure of schools as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a Division, we have moved to an entirely new way of delivering curriculum to students. Over the past month, students and teachers (and parents) have learned how to interact and connect in different ways.

Teachers are employing a variety of approaches and platforms to teach students remotely. Approaches and platforms used will depend on the grade level, the experience of the teacher and the experience of the students.

Alberta Education has released [Content Delivery Guidelines](#) to direct what and how much students will learn while in-school classes are cancelled.

It is important to note, that while the Education Minister indicated that students would proceed to their next grade level, and in the case of Grade 12 students, students who were “on track” to graduate would do so, that students are still expected to continue with their studies for the duration of the school year. Students are expected to demonstrate reasonable effort with their studies and assignments until the end of June. Students will not be automatically “passed” to the next year as simply advancing struggling students would cause difficulties for them at the next grade level. Many courses rely on the skills and knowledge developed in previous grade levels. Parents are encouraged to speak to their child’s teacher or school principal for more information.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place [on May 5, 2020](#) commencing at **1:00 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.