

Chinook's Edge Board eNews

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[Congratulations to our exceptional leader!](#)

The [Board of Trustees](#) joins the entire Chinook's Edge community in congratulating Superintendent Kurt Sacher on receiving the EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership from the College of Alberta School Superintendents.

[Provincial Budget](#)- Although there remains uncertainty around specific items such as the additional costs that COVID-19 continues to cause our division, the Board of Trustees was pleased that [Budget 2021](#) shows clear support for Alberta's children and families.

[Staff Wellness](#) - In a year like no other, the Board and Central Office Leadership Team continue to ensure Staff Wellness is a personal and divisional priority.

[Stellar safety record](#) - As a leader in safety excellence retires, the Board welcomes a long-serving division administrator to the role of Health & Safety Coordinator to continue its commitment to the highest levels of safety in every school and department in Chinook's Edge.

Inclement Weather - Through collaboration with the Board and feedback they have received from parents, administrators, teachers and other division staff, the Central Office Team continues to develop guiding principles that will ensure reasonable and responsible decisions around Yellow and Red Days. This includes providing earlier announcements to parents if a potential situation could result in a school being closed, and greater consistency around continuing the learning from home. More information will be shared with all stakeholders in the near future.

[Board Highlights](#) - A new 500 capacity middle school in Penhold remains the top priority on the Board's 2022-2025 Capital Plan report, which outlines the division's most pressing capital needs. There were no announcements for Chinook's Edge in the recently released provincial plan.

[College of Alberta School Superintendents Act](#) - The Board of Trustees supports the introduction of Bill 55, which will ensure high quality professionals across the province and put all Boards in a strong position to support exemplary leadership roles.

[Career High planning](#) - As part of the detailed work to guide the transition of Career High schools, the superintendency team, facilities staff and career high staff have toured specific sites in the traditional schools to continue developing plans together.

[Kindness Matters](#) - From [Pink Shirt Day](#) to everyday [gestures of goodwill](#), the Board is proud of the many lessons in caring that are shared in Chinook's Edge schools.