

As we shared in our November 12 email, our Board of Trustees has passed a motion in support of [AP 4-33](#), a temporary [COVID-19 Harm Reduction Procedure](#) and our Superintendents Team is working to support staff through the transition to AP 4-33, which takes effect on January 10, 2022. As well, our Board has corresponded with The Honourable Minister of Justice, requesting that School Boards be added to Bill 70, as indicated in the [Board Highlights](#), [Olds Radio](#) / [Mountain View News](#)

The Board Chair had the opportunity to participate with and provide feedback to Alberta Education regarding the new curriculum, through the ASBA K-6 Curriculum Engagement Plan Focus Group. Chair Holly Bilton is pleased that Alberta Education invited Board Chairs through the Alberta School Boards Association to be part of the discussion. The Board is also pleased that the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) also has been working with Alberta Education on the curriculum.

Following an extensive presentation from Treasurer Susan Roy and the independent auditing firm which conducts the Chinook's Edge audit, the Board approved the audited [Financial Statements](#) for the year ended August 31, 2021.

After weeks of enjoying unseasonably warm weather, with students participating in outdoor recess and phys ed in mild temperatures, winter weather is arriving. The Board wants to ensure families and neighbours in our Chinook's Edge school communities are well aware of our [Inclement Weather](#) protocols.

The Board joined our local Alberta Teachers' Association in [honouring our staff](#) on their milestones with Chinook's Edge. Although the pandemic has disrupted the traditional Celebrations banquet, the Board of Trustees congratulated this year's retirees, ATA inductees and long-service award recipients.

For many years, several different groups have collaborated to inform the work of the Central Office Leadership Team. The Board is incredibly proud of this culture of engagement through the [Chinook's Edge 'Matters Committees'](#) and looks forward to hearing from our newest group: Indigenous Students Matter.

The Alberta School Boards Association's [Honouring Spirit awards](#) are open for nominations, and the Board encourages our municipal partners to contact their local Trustee or the Board Chair with any suggestions they would like the Board to consider nominating for this important Indigenous Student award.

The collaborative structure runs deep in Chinook's Edge, including a practice and expectation of focused professional development time for staff. Much of this work is accomplished during the division's scheduled [Collaborative Days](#), which creates a structure that helps our students learn and succeed at the highest levels.

Schools throughout Chinook's Edge commemorated Remembrance Day in a modest manner this year, due to current restrictions. Our Board realizes many of the municipal leaders in our school communities traditionally join our students and staff for their Remembrance Day ceremonies. We appreciate your ongoing gestures of goodwill towards our schools, and we all look forward to a time when we can once again gather to acknowledge these important occasions together.

On a lighter note, our staff had just as much fun with [Halloween](#) costumes as our students did! We are grateful to know the positive culture at our schools remains steadfast.