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Superintendent Kurt Sacher provided a [parent update](#), outlining the removal of mask requirements for students and proof of vaccination/negative test requirements for staff. The Central Office Leadership Team is working to outline details for students and staff on next steps of the provincial government's phased [easing of COVID-19 restrictions](#), following their February 8th announcement. [Mountain View Gazette](#)

Chinook's Edge continues to expand the priority of Social Emotional Well-being by launching a [new locally developed course](#). The Board enthusiastically supports the many efforts to nurture the Social Emotional Well-being of our students and staff that are underway throughout the division.

The Superintendency Team is preparing for 2022-23 budget discussions, which involve the collaborative efforts of all school administrators. Each year, the Board is pleased that the 'made-in-Chinook's Edge' [Resource Allocation](#) approach ensures a fair distribution of limited funds.

February is [kindness month](#)! The Board of Trustees and Central Office Leadership Team are pleased with the many examples of our staff and their focus on [kindness to others](#), during this phase of our journey together through the pandemic.

Teachers, school staff and division office leaders are focusing their efforts on parent engagement. Trustees appreciate the opportunities this creates for greater partnerships between home and school, and ultimately greater success for students. [MV Gazette article](#)

Our Board is pleased with all the activities in our schools to acknowledge [Family Literacy Week](#).

The provincial government is working to gather input from parents on their draft K-12 curriculum, and draft social studies design blueprint. Alberta Education is hosting 44 engagement sessions across five regions until February 28, and Albertans can sign up for notifications and register for sessions at [Have Your Say](#).

Trustees are grateful for the work of the Superintendent in responding to media over the last few weeks, when the school division was dealing with coverage in media and social media regarding community unrest around provincial mask mandates.