

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

April 25, 2024

### Crossfield Elementary School Community Development Project

- Students from Crossfield Elementary School (CES) presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) about a recent community development project which focused on how collective efforts can improve the overall wellbeing of the place you live.
- Working collaboratively, Grade 4 and 5 students designed a hypothetical athletic centre for the Town of Crossfield. The students created the criteria, scoring rubric and project expectations. They then pitched their designs to a panel of community members including the Mayor of Crossfield, Rocky View Schools (RVS) Trustee Norma Lang and CES' School Council Chairperson.
- This work supports several outcomes of the RVS Educational Plan, with students demonstrating Alberta Education student competencies and actively engaged in meaningful and relevant learning.

### Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) Accommodation Decision Made

- To address increasing enrolment pressures and improve utilizations at Airdrie schools, the Board made an important decision which will see many grade configuration and some attendance boundary changes made across RVS Airdrie schools starting September 2025.
- After listening to community feedback through the [Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces](#) engagement and considering all available information, the Board believes a school-by-school approach to changing grade configurations and attendance areas where necessary and keeping neighbourhoods together, honours what was shared through the engagement and best balances Airdrie student spaces with the greatest improvement to utilizations overall.
- **Summary**
  - No changes until the fall of 2025.
  - All high schools in Airdrie become Grade 10 – 12.
  - Multiple Airdrie communities are redesignated to other RVS schools to address the pressure in various schools and maximize every possible space.
  - All schools except for Cooper's Crossing School adjust by one grade level.
  - No attendance boundary changes for French Immersion or Christian programs. Christian program extends to Grade 9 (currently ends at Grade 8).
  - A small area in central Airdrie is now designated to specific high schools discontinuing a historical choice area.
- More information about school and community attendance areas is available on [RVSEngage](#). Further details will be provided before the end of the current school year.
- The Board values the perspectives and ideas shared throughout the BASS engagement and thanks all who participated for their time and contributions.

## Long-standing Transportation Exceptions Will Continue

- To help maintain student population levels at smaller schools, RVS operates select transportation exception bus routes. Service will continue from Cochrane to Westbrook School, Langdon to Indus School and Prairie Royale area to Kathryn School.
- These routes have been running for several years and will continue until June 2026.

## The Feasibility of a New Bus Route from Chestermere to Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon to be Explored

- RVS will explore a potential new bus route from Chestermere to Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years and examine logistics, costs and other factors.

## School Fees Approved for 2024/25 School Year

- Schools annually review the fees they charge and make recommendations regarding proposed increases or the necessary introduction/deletion of fees for new or changing courses.
- The Board recognizes the increasing cost pressures impacting our families and only minimal increases will be made to most school fees, including optional courses, activities, programs and other noncurricular goods and services.
- The Board approved the schedule of school fees for the 2024/25 school year and the fees will be posted on school websites by the end of June.

## 2024/25 Transportation Fees/Service to be Maintained

- RVS will continue to provide student transportation at the current service levels for the 2024/25 school year and transportation fees will remain at the 2023/24 rates. The Board chose to use transportation reserves for 2024/25 to offset increased costs by the transportation contractors.
- An incentive for parents/guardians to complete early registration will be continued. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register before June 23, 2024, as doing so helps the Transportation department to plan routes over the summer. Fees are reduced by \$40 for the first two children in a family and \$20 for each additional child under the early registration program.

## Community Use Fees to be Maintained for 2024/25

- RVS is committed to community use of its facilities and outdoor spaces and will maintain fees at the 2023/24 levels for the 2024/25 school year.
- A financial review of the program was conducted to ensure the program is self-sustaining and does not require additional support from other sources. A portion of the proceeds from the fees goes to support schools and is intended to renew the furniture and equipment utilized at their respective facilities.

## Ward Boundary Review Engagement Will Seek Community Feedback

- The Board is launching a Ward Boundary Review community engagement April 29. The engagement will take place this spring with a Board decision expected in the fall. All RVS community members are invited to take part in this process by attending a public meeting and/or providing feedback through [RVSEngage](#).