



Board Highlights

December 14, 2022

École J.E. Lapointe School (ÉJELS) Excursion to Quebec – Final Approval

The Board granted final approval for 36 ÉJELS students in Grade 9, eight parent volunteers and two BGSD employee supervisors to travel to Quebec and Ottawa from February 2-8, 2023, inclusive. This excursion will allow the students to immerse themselves in authentic French Canadian cultural events like the Carnaval.

There will be 16 students who will not be attending the trip. A schedule of alternative events for these students to attend in lieu of the excursion has been arranged by the school.

2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

Associate Superintendent Dargis presented the 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) to the Board. The AERR provides information to stakeholders about the progress BGSD is making in relation to achieving its priorities and meeting core responsibilities. The results of the AERR are used by the Board to improve outcomes for students and to ensure all students can acquire the knowledge and skills they require to be successful.

École Coloniale Estates School (ÉCES) Name Change Request

At the November 30, 2022, Regular Board meeting a delegation from ÉCES presented a request to the Board to change the name of ÉCES as the word 'Coloniale' is a reference to colonialism and is contrary to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #47.

The Board subsequently directed Administration to begin the process of investigating changing the name of École Coloniale Estates School.

École J.E. Lapointe School (ÉJELS) Grade 7 Ottawa/Quebec Excursion – Request for Approval in Principle

The Board gave approval in principle for the ÉJELS Grade 7 excursion to Ottawa and Quebec from June 22-28, 2023. The educational value of this trip lies in the opportunity for the students to experience Canada's judicial system and the history of French culture and its influence in Canada. Students will be able to gain an appreciation of the different perspectives of the First Nations, the French, and the English in relation to how Canada was founded and how it has grown into a multicultural democratic society.

Teacher-Board Advisory Committee (TBAC)

A report was presented on the December 13, 2022, TBAC meeting. The Committee is made up of representatives of the Alberta Teachers' Association Local #8, BGSD Trustees and members of BGSD senior administration.

The purpose of the TBAC is to be a mechanism to collaboratively share information and bring forward non-contractual items of mutual concern. All parties wish to acknowledge the spirit of cooperation that is evident with our Division.



Dear Black Gold families,

No matter what traditions you hold dear, or what meaningful celebrations you share at this time of year, we offer our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe, wonderful Holiday Season.

Your Board of Trustees will continue to support and advocate for our schools and our students in 2023. Thank you for supporting public education, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



Wishing our fantastic staff, students and families a

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Division office staff, may we all have a wonderful holiday season, full of love, laughter and goodwill.

Black Gold Division Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 26, 2022, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.