



## BOARD HIGH LIGHTS

### Board Highlights for the East Central Francophone Meeting March 31, 2020

#### COVID-19

The Board meeting agenda is revised in light of the ever evolving emergency situation in which CSCE finds itself since the suspension of classes announced on March 15, 2020. Since that date, CSCE has been working on developing a common approach in programming which will provide for continuity of learning in these circumstances. Our school teams have been working to identify the student's level of connectivity. This information has helped us to loan out laptops and to determine the best methods to use in order to support students and families over the next few months. Teachers have been honing their skills so as to make the best use of technology to support learning and connect with students and families. We realize that these are troubling, unprecedented times, and we want to focus on mental well-being as much as on continuity of learning. To this end, certain specialized services and supports have been maintained. As the pandemic evolves, CSCE is adapting to each new reality.

#### School calendars 2020-2021

The Board approved the 22-21 school calendars. These will be distributed to schools. Teachers are expected to start on August 26, 2020 and students on September 1, 2020.

#### Capital Plan 2020-2021

The Capital Plan for the coming year was approved by the Board. The modernisation of Ecole Beauséjour remains the number one priority. The plan includes the exploratory phase encouraged by Alberta Education, a phase in which Lakeland Catholic School District, Northern Lights School Division and CSCE have been encouraged to collaborate in the to identify a Lac La Biche facilities solution.

#### Budget 2020-2021

Since the end of January, the Board Chair and the Senior Administration Team have participated in several meetings about the



new funding model. This new funding model comes into effect on September 1, 2020 and is based on a Weighted Moving Average concept rather than on per pupil funding ratios. Our analysis has identified several shortfalls in the projected funding that this model will generate. The Senior Administration Team, in collaboration with school principals and sector directors, will review the underlying principles upon which CSCE budgets are developed. These principles will be discussed and approved by the Board during its April meeting. The 2020-2021 Budget must be presented to Alberta Education by May 31, 2020.

### Next Board Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 4:00pm.

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