

# Board Highlights

9 May 2024



## Superintendent's Message

I am thrilled to reflect on the enriching experience we shared on April 30 with the New Blood Dance Group ([www.newblooddance.net](http://www.newblooddance.net)), an event that celebrated Clearview's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. Our students in Grades 10 to 12 had a unique opportunity to engage with a powerful performance that embodies our journey towards understanding and honouring the histories and cultures of Indigenous peoples.

As well, over 100 people came out in the evening to enjoy the show, which features poetry, music, and contemporary and traditional dance. The show was inspired by the life of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman, a survivor of the residential school system, who reclaimed his way of life and became chief of his people. It is an emotional reminder of the history of Indigenous people in Canada.

This event is just one of the many steps we are taking to integrate the principles of Truth and Reconciliation into our educational fabric. It's essential to continue these efforts, not only within our curriculum but also as part of our community spirit and understanding.

We all have a role and a responsibility in understanding our nation's history and its ongoing impact.

I look forward to working with our staff and communities to further the work of Truth and Reconciliation in Clearview. Let's continue to support each other, learn together, and build a school community that stands as a beacon of inclusivity and understanding.



### Dates to Remember

May 14, 2024  
Early Learning Fair  
2-4pm The HUB Stettler,  
Rec Center

May 16, 2024  
Clearview's  
Recognition Night

May 17, 2024  
PD Day  
(No school for students)  
Staff Wellness Day

May 20, 2024  
Victoria Day  
(Schools Closed)

May 22, 2024  
Early Learning Fair  
Castor 1-3 pm  
Gus Wetter School

May 23, 2024  
Early Learning Fair  
Coronation School  
1-3 pm

May 30, 2024  
Board Meeting



## Leadership Highlights

The Clearview leadership undertook comprehensive strategic planning and budgeting efforts involving the staff leadership at multiple levels, including the Educational Leadership Team and the Central Leadership Team. Key activities included professional development on educational plans and literacy data, and crucial finance discussions to guide the district's financial strategies. The leadership also engaged in several administrative visits and staffing discussions across schools such as Gus Wetter and Donalds to ensure operational excellence and address specific school needs. In addition to our comprehensive leadership efforts, the Clearview School Division has prioritized enhancing numeracy across our schools.

We are advancing our educational strategies with a focused numeracy initiative, which includes collaborative workshops and assessment improvements. Efforts are particularly directed towards creating robust numeracy assessments and final exams. This year, we've established an Elementary Numeracy Committee and are planning to continue assessment workshops and a Master Teacher Series for mentorship. Our aim is to build a strong foundation in numeracy from the elementary level upward, ensuring that our students are proficient and confident in mathematics.

## Locally Developed Courses

During the board meeting, the Superintendent presented a proposal to reauthorize and introduce various Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) for the upcoming school year. The board reviewed a diverse lineup of courses including Leadership, Character & Social Responsibility, and Yoga Fitness, aimed at enhancing students' personal and physical development. Other courses such as Developing Personal Integrity and several levels of Ceramics were proposed to encourage creativity and moral growth. The introduction of these courses is in line with our commitment to offer a curriculum that is responsive and innovative, catering to the unique interests and needs of our students, promoting local curriculum flexibility.

## 2024-25 Spring Budget

For the 2024-25 academic year, Clearview School Division's budget reflects focused reallocations and adjustments across schools to address specific needs. Total school allocations have seen a slight decrease of 1.03%, with significant increases in inclusive allocations by 11.86% to enhance specialized learning supports. These financial adjustments are part of a broader strategy to optimize resource distribution, ensuring schools receive necessary funds for critical enhancements in student support and learning environments.

## 2024-25 Board Meeting Dates

During the board meeting, the Superintendent put forward a draft calendar of board meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year, adhering to Policy 7 on Board Operations. The proposed schedule was designed to align with strategic planning needs and operational requirements, with regular meetings slated for the last Thursday of each month. Notably, there are two meetings scheduled for May to handle budget approvals and year-end planning, with no meetings in July, maintaining a traditional break. Special attention was given to ensure that board meeting dates do not conflict with school breaks, allowing ample time for agenda preparation. The draft calendar includes specific dates for evaluations and strategic budget discussions with the Leadership Learning Team (LLT), reflecting a thoughtful approach to maximize governance efficiency and effectiveness throughout the year.