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# Board Highlights



CLEARVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Superintendent's Message

As we all recover from Halloween's excitement, I hope everyone enjoyed the evening and managed to keep up with the energy levels of sugar-charged, costume-clad kiddos! After all, it's not every day we see superheroes, animals, and wizards filling our classrooms and neighborhoods, and the day-after energy slump (and maybe a bit of leftover candy) is a small price for all that joy.

Looking ahead, we're moving into a season marked by both reflection and change. November brings a special time for remembrance as we pause to honour those who have served and sacrificed. Remembrance Day is an essential part of our school culture, and it's an opportunity for our students to learn and understand the importance of courage, duty, and peace. These lessons resonate deeply and help build the foundation of character and respect in our schools.

And as winter makes its gradual arrival, we're all preparing for shorter days, colder weather, and the annual challenge of resetting our routines for daylight saving time. For those that need to get children back on track, remember that a gradual return to regular bedtimes can work wonders to smooth the [adjustment](#). Let's bundle up, brace ourselves for winter's chill, and look forward to the unique magic that this season brings to our community.

Dates to Remember
November 8, 2024 Schools Closed
November 11, 2024 Remembrance Day Schools Closed
November 15, 2024 K-9 Report Cards
November 22, 2024 Professional Development (No Students)
November 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting



## Leadership Highlights

During the board meeting on October 31, 2024, Superintendent Scot Leys presented a comprehensive update on leadership and professional development initiatives within Clearview Public Schools. The focus was on three main areas: inclusive education, literacy, and staff wellness. These areas are considered foundational for enhancing educational outcomes across the division.

- **Inclusive Education:** The recent professional development sessions led by Dr. Shawn Reynolds were highlighted, who specializes in inclusive educational practices. These sessions aimed to equip school leaders in assisting teachers with the skills to support diverse student needs effectively, ensuring that every student feels valued and engaged.
- **Literacy Programs:** The ongoing emphasis on literacy was discussed with updates on new curriculum integration and training workshops for staff. The goal is to bolster reading and writing skills across all grade levels, directly impacting student success in academic and everyday contexts.
- **Staff Wellness:** Recognizing the crucial role of staff well-being in student success, this workshop included strategies designed to support the physical and mental health of school staff.

These initiatives demonstrate Clearview Public Schools' commitment to fostering a supportive and dynamic learning environment where both students and staff can thrive. These updates reflect the board's strategic approach to ensuring that educational leadership and professional development are aligned with the needs of our community.

## Action and Funding Decisions

Decisions included approving contributions to local food banks and Christmas hampers, reflecting Clearview's commitment to community support during the holiday season. Additionally, the board reviewed and approved a significant technology upgrade involving the purchase of replacement network switches to enhance data security and flow across schools.

## Community Engagement

Trustees engaged in a roundtable discussion about enhancing school council interactions and outlined the schedule for upcoming visits to colony schools. The role of School Resource Officers was also debated, reflecting the board's commitment to safety and student well-being.

The board discussed plans for Remembrance Day and Christmas concerts, ensuring these events align with community values and school engagement.

## Updates

***Total Enrollment:*** Clearview Public Schools has a total student population of 2,328 for the 2024-25 school year, a slight decrease from the previous year's total of 2,347 students. We are committed to adapting our strategies and resources to meet the dynamic needs of all students and ensure every child receives the best possible education.

***Technology Upgrade:*** The board approved a \$145,926.85 expenditure for network switches from ACSI to boost network security and data flow efficiency across schools.

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