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# Board Highlights



April 17, 2025



CLEARVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Superintendent's Message

As spring nudges winter out the door, we welcome the warmer days, the sight of green peeking through the ground, and of course, the sounds of new calves reminding us just how alive our rural communities are. It's the season of boots by the door, your car heater in the morning and air conditioner in the afternoon, and the age-old Canadian debate: "Is it warm enough to go without a jacket?" While farmers gear up for seeding and families juggle calving season, at Clearview, we're embracing this spirit of renewal with our spring activity.

Even as students and staff wrap up a vibrant year, our division is already deep into planning for 2025-26. Our focus remains strong on three priorities: Literacy, Numeracy, and Student Engagement. Just like preparing fields for harvest, thoughtful groundwork at this time of year helps us grow a strong future for our students. Whether we're assessing curriculum supports, designing professional learning, or fine-tuning student programming, our aim is to keep learning meaningful and rooted in what matters most to families and communities.

This spring also brings with it a significant farewell. After 31 remarkable years in education—29 of them in Clearview—we extend heartfelt congratulations to Deputy Superintendent Daram Van Oers on his upcoming retirement.

Daram has been a teacher, principal, and senior leader who traded in his chalkboard for spreadsheets and now plans to trade those spreadsheets for a backpack and a fishing rod. I want to personally thank Daram for the generous support he provided during my own transition to Clearview. I will miss his collaborative spirit, deep dedication to students, and unmatched local knowledge (not to mention his well-timed wit at just the right moment in meetings). The impact he's made across Clearview is lasting, and we wish him all the best as he prepares to get "lost in the wilderness—in a good way!"

To all of our Clearview families and community members, thank you for your continued support and partnership. As we soak in the sunshine and look ahead to another season of learning, growing, and maybe a bit of mud on our boots, know that we remain committed to working together for the success of every student.

## Dates to Remember

**April 22**  
PD Day (No Students)

**April 23**  
Regular Classes  
Resume

**May 15**  
Board Meeting  
Clearview Recognition  
Night

**May 16**  
PD Day  
(No School for  
Students)

**May 18**  
Victoria Day  
(Schools Closed)



BOTHA SCHOOL



DONALDA SCHOOL



CORONATION SCHOOL

## Leadership Highlights

Superintendent Scot Leys provided an update on key leadership activities across Clearview. Recent trustee visits to William E. Hay and Stettler Elementary supported school engagement, while leadership coaching with Stu Henry continued in several schools. Strategic budget meetings were held with multiple sites to prepare for 2025–26 planning.

The Leadership Learning Team participated in workshops focused on literacy, hiring, and instructional leadership, alongside a strategic planning session that outlined priorities in literacy, numeracy, and leadership. Community engagement included meetings with MLA Nate Horner, Town of Stettler officials (resulting in \$3,000–\$4,000 in annual utility savings), and participation in local governance discussions.

At the provincial level, Leys joined a Bill 51 briefing and discussed funding with ADM Jeff Willan. Leadership development continued through the CASS Spring Conference and a governance course, reinforcing Clearview's commitment to effective system leadership.

## Communications & Engagement

The Board reviewed recent community engagement efforts, including participation in the Stettler Trade Show (April 11–13), which provided a strong platform to connect with families and showcase educational programs. Trustees also attended the Byemoor Community Engagement event (April 15) and met with MLA Nate Horner (April 16) to advocate for rural education. Preparations are underway for Young Women in Trades & Technologies (April 22 & 24)—a hands-on initiative promoting trades careers to female students. Strategic planning updates were also shared.

## 2025 Clearview Star Award Recipients Announced

The Board of Trustees is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Clearview Star Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions across our school communities.

- Award of Merit: Jennifer Mah – Honoured for her exceptional dedication and service within the division.
- Community Excellence Award: Gayle McMillan – Recognized for her impactful community involvement and long-standing support of public education.
- Partner in Education Award: Michael Bayer & Jefferson McClung – Celebrated for their collaborative efforts and meaningful partnerships that have enhanced student learning.
- Student Excellence Award: Aislyn Holland – Acknowledged for her remarkable achievements and leadership as a student in Clearview.

Congratulations to all on this well-deserved recognition!

## 2025–26 Funding Analysis

The Board reviewed a detailed funding analysis from Secretary-Treasurer Mauricio Reyes. While Clearview's 2025–26 projected funding (\$32.2 million) shows a modest increase over the prior year, declining enrolment and adjustments in provincial funding models continue to challenge base instruction funding. The division is preparing mitigation strategies, including reviewing centrally managed programs and considering increases in Operations & Maintenance and Technology funding to support school needs. Administration will present the first draft of the 2025–26 budget on May 15.