



## **Media Release Highlights of February 15, 2022 Board Meeting**

### **Indigenous Education**

District Principal, Indigenous Education Roberta Edzerza and Charles Hays Secondary School Vice-Principal Lori Burger presented a draft copy of the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report for the 2020-2021 school year. Two new programs were highlighted in the report.

The first program is the Wilwilaaysk Wellness Worker. This position supports students and their families to increase connectedness with schools. Cultural learning through art, and on the land, is shared.

The second program is the addition of coach-mentors at Charles Hays Secondary School and Pacific Coast School. These positions help address barriers that may prevent students from graduating.

“Thank you for the time and energy put into preparing this report,” said Board Chair Kate Toye. “Hearing Eddie Fitzgerald proudly speak of the importance of learning Sm’algyax, and passing this learning on to the next generation, underscores the importance of the work being done under the direction of the Indigenous Education Council.”

### **2021-22 Amended Annual Budget**

The Board of Education approved the 2021/2021 2Amended Annual Budget Bylaw at the regular open Board meeting on February 15, 2022. The total budget bylaw amount was \$32,878,127, an increase of 3.75% from the original budget bylaw amount of \$31,688,785.

The increase in spending is primarily in Special Purpose Funds. Additional funding was received for the Class Size & Composition, Mental Health in Schools, and Safe Return to School funds.

A copy of the approved amended annual budget is available soon on the district website, [www.rupertschools.ca](http://www.rupertschools.ca).



## Annual Budget Consultation

The second public meeting of the Annual Budget Consultation Process is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, February 16      Partner Group Presentations  
7:00 p.m.

This will be an online public meeting. Registration information is available on the school district website.

## Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education is seeking input from partner groups on 2 draft policies:

6260 Conflict of Interest Policy  
6270 Whistleblower Protection Policy

The Board of Education approved updates to 2 policies:

3510 School Closures Policy  
4110 Emergency Preparedness Policy

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 16, 2022	Online Annual Budget Consultation Meeting
Friday, February 18, 2022	Non-Instructional Day, Secondary Schools (CHSS & PCS)
Monday, February 21, 2022	Family Day Statutory Holiday
Friday, February 25, 2022	Deadline for Formal Budget Submissions
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022	Online Annual Budget Consultation Meeting
March 21 to April 1, 2022	Spring Break



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