

FOOTNOTES

steps toward a flourishing community

December 2022

WELCOME

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Footnotes, a monthly digest of progress at Foothills School Division.

The majority of information provided will highlight the steps we are taking to ensure education is at the centre of a flourishing community.

Our goal is to connect how the work of the Board of Trustees affects our students in the classrooms.

IMPROVING ACCESS
TO SERVICES =
SAVING LIVES

Observed higher number of student risk-assessments, violence threat assessments and self-reported anxiety

January 2020
Launched the
Mental Health Task Force

October 2022
Launched Advocacy
campaign on website

December 2022
Received \$678K to pilot
Mental Health programs

Spring 2023
Increase LCSC availability
Hire Mental Health Navigator
Trauma-informed learning

Spring 2023
Youth Mental Health
Partnership Summit

Summer 2023
Assess efficacy of initiatives

HOW WE ARE PROTECTING STUDENT MENTAL WELLNESS

A timeline

STUDENT
MENTAL
WELLNESS
PROGRAM



FSD has received a 2-year grant from Alberta Education. This \$678K is to pilot student mental health initiatives.

This pilot builds on the growing partnership between FSD and:

- Calgary Rural Primary Care Network
- Alberta Health Services Addictions and Mental Health Community and Rural Health
- The Network

Read more: bit.ly/FSDMHGrant

STUDENT SAFETY IS POLICY

We are ensuring everyone has a sense of belonging in their school. The Board of Trustees are consulting the public as they revise [Policy 14, A Place for All](#).

We need you to share the message that **everyone**, regardless of sex, gender, religion, abilities, or creed, are welcome at FSD.

The revised policy will be launched in early 2023.



LEARNING THAT TRANSFERS

When you were in school, how many times did you ask yourself, "when am I ever going to use this in the real world?"

We don't want our students to question the relevance of their studies. That's why we allocate resources to learning that transfers.

Dual credit, technology-advanced, safety-oriented, and culture-based programs are relevant and accessible to ensure our students are prepared for success.

- Indigenous Learning
- Innovation & Design
- Nature-based Learning
- Fine Arts
- Digital & Blended Learning
- Literacy & Numeracy
- Montessori
- & more opportunities



STANDING UP FOR EDUCATION

In recent weeks, the Board of Trustees and Executive Team have attended conferences and meetings, with student success top-of-mind:

- Town of Okotoks regarding location for a new high school.
- CTCRSD - facing similar issues with insurance, transportation, mandates, Calgary land annexations.
- ASBA FGM- Address health mandates
- ARMIC - Securing a lower insurance rate for 2022-2023
- School Councils & COSC - gathering your voice on school issues and successes

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statement was approved November 30, 2022. Get the details here: [_bit.ly/FSDafs22](https://bit.ly/FSDafs22)



REDUCING OPERATING COSTS

The 2022/23 insurance premium was reduced by nearly \$1M from 2021/22. This amount is still significantly higher than many other school divisions, due to the floods in 2013.

Additional funding for insurance would return operating funds back into classrooms.

Get involved: bit.ly/FSDAdvocacy

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