

FOOTNOTES

steps toward a flourishing community

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RAISE YOUR
VOICE

YOU CAN
MOTIVATE CHANGE



WELCOME

Welcome to Footnotes, a monthly newsletter of progress at Foothills School Division (FSD).

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.

ADVOCATING FOR FSD STUDENTS

These five areas of priority are where we are focussing our efforts to best serve the needs of our students.

You can **raise your voice** by sharing these areas of priority with your provincial elected officials including MLAs, Ministers, and Premier Smith.

Here's how to get started:

- 1** Visit the [Advocacy](#) section at foothillsschooldivision.ca. and find the area(s) of advocacy that best interests you.
- 2** Download a draft letter of advocacy & add your thoughts.
- 3** Email your signed letter to your elected officials who are listed on the [Advocacy](#) page.
- 4** Enjoy the warm feeling of influencing change for students in Foothills School Division.



Secure construction funding for a new high school in Okotoks.



Change the way school capacity is calculated to allow for learning spaces to be recognized and funded accordingly.



Implement Alberta Education-funded full-time kindergarten across the province.



Increase transportation funding to meet provincial mandate.



Provide equity of opportunity and school-based services for rural communities.

LEARN MORE: BIT.LY/FSDADVOCACY

WAYS TO LEARN & CONTRIBUTE

Attend School Council Meetings

- Inform decisions at a school or division-level
- Connect with other parents
- Fundraise for school projects

Attend Public Board Meetings

- Understand processes
- Learn from a division-eye-view

Volunteer

- Create safe, warm, welcoming environments for all students.

Edsebli Parent Portal

- Learner progress reports
- Attendance record
- Timetables
- School Fees
- School/Teacher contact information

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- Advocacy
- Divisional Calendar
- Bus route status
- Public engagement opportunities
- Policies & Procedures
- Student Resources
- Education Plan & Reports
- Budget
- Program overviews

WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION

Engagement, Support, and Success for each learner.

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MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH: Teachers decide *what curriculum* they teach their students.

FACT: Alberta's provincial government is responsible for the curriculum within Alberta schools. This outlines what students are expected to learn and do in all subjects and Grades (Alberta.ca).

Foothills School Division teachers decide *how* the curriculum is taught in their classrooms; supported by exceptional division resources to help advance curricular understanding.

The Board of Trustees supports the implementation of the curriculum by making resources available to develop learning tools and professional development and setting policies in place to ensure all have access to safe, welcoming, respectful, and welcoming learning environments.

LEARN MORE:

- BIT.LY/FSD_PLACEFORALL
- CURRICULUM.LEARNALBERTA.CA



OUR MISSION

Each learner entrusted to our care has unique gifts and abilities. It is our mission to find out what these are...Explore them... Develop them... Celebrate them!

OUR PURPOSE

Placing education at the centre of a flourishing community.

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