

FOOTNOTES

steps toward a flourishing community

February & March 2026

LISTENING TO DESIGN THE FUTURE

WELCOME

Welcome to the Footnotes, a monthly newsletter showcasing how Foothills School Division (FSD) is placing students at the centre of a flourishing learning community.

February and March are a time when the Board's work moves beyond listening toward intentional design and stewardship.

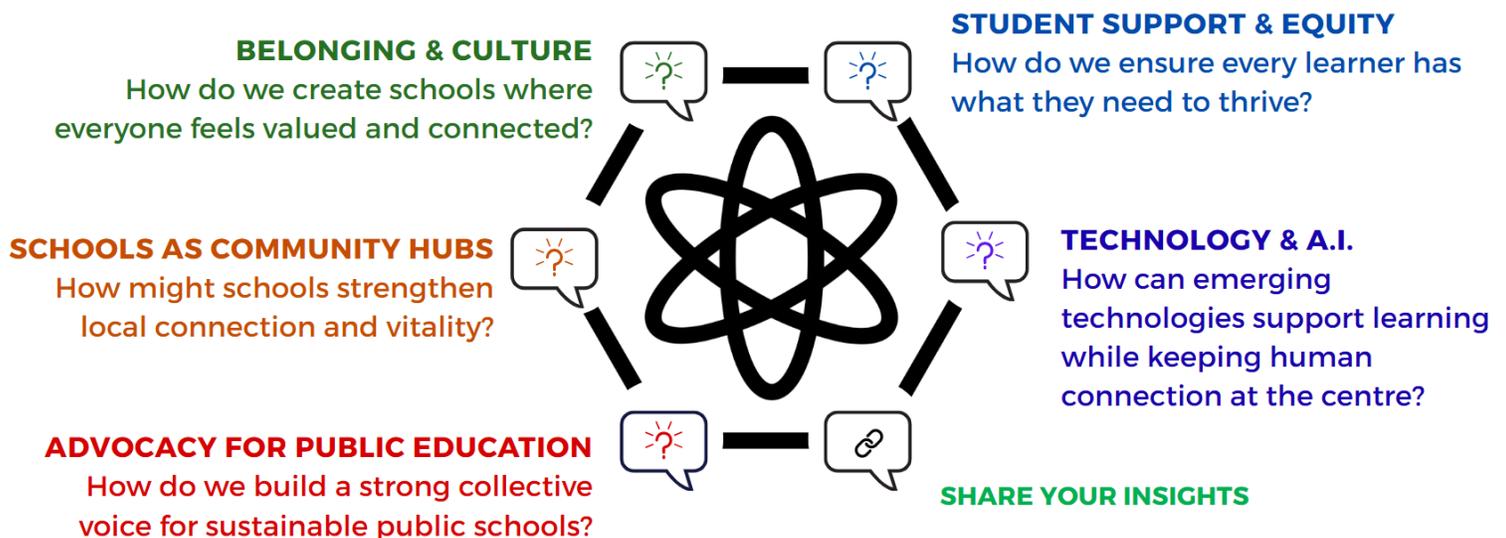
As the Board prepares to review the Division's 2026-2027 budget trustees are grounding financial decisions in community voice, assurance data, and firsthand learning from schools.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING – TOGETHER

Foothills School Division is engaging in a project set to bridge the known and perceived gaps of service, learning, and partnerships throughout its service area-- and beyond.

Establishing working groups with students, school leaders, personnel from across the division, and community leaders and groups, the Fast Forward Flourishing COMMUNITY project brings members of our diverse community together to build a resilient society.

At recent school council meetings, trustees have begun inviting families to reflect on shared questions that will help guide governance discussions and long-range planning:



CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY. GUIDED BY EVIDENCE. INFORMED BY ACTION.

BOARD WORK AT A GLANCE



SCHOOL TOURS

Witnessing learning and belonging in every school.

Peek inside our amazing schools through the lens of our Trustees:



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ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS

- Community Conversations
- Calendar Consultation Feedback
- Read Past Editions of Footnotes

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Indigenous Learning & Equity
Charity Tegler, Director
- Inclusive Learning, Wellness & Well-Being
Cora-Leah Schmitt, Director
- Employee Services
Angie Zimmer, Manager

ASSURANCE ACTIONS

- Policy Review Committee Update

ENGAGING WITH PROVINCIAL BODIES

- ASBA Zone 5 Meeting
March 6

PUBLIC BOARD DECISIONS

- Public Board Meeting Minutes
- 2026-2027
Instructional Calendar



WHAT'S NEXT

Following the Government of Alberta's February 26 budget announcement and correlating funding profile for FSD, the Board of Trustees will begin reviewing the Division's 2026-2027 budget. Trustees will ground financial decisions in community voice, assurance data, and what they are seeing and hearing in schools.

Trustees will also continue spending time in schools, meeting with school councils, reviewing system reports, and engaging in provincial and regional advocacy – all with a shared focus on understanding student experiences and shaping the conditions for future success.

- Continued advocacy on behalf of public education
- Public reporting through Board meetings and assurance updates
- Building community partnerships for mutual flourishing and rural resilience
- Ideas that Make Cents public engagement to inform the budget

Read our Letters

See upcoming Board Meetings

Coming soon

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Learn more about the Education Tax Levy in our March 2025 Footnotes



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