Winfield School Public Consultation
The Board’s Three-Year Capital Plan 2019 - 2022 lists Winfield School as priority number one. The Board determined that it will begin a community consultation process to determine if there are potential partnerships opportunities within the community that will ensure sustainability and create efficiencies.

Partnerships could include the County of Wetaskiwin, 4-H, neighboring school divisions, Ermineskin Band, community library, etc. The Board will hold a community consultation on Thursday, November 29 at Winfield School from 7 - 9 p.m.

Board Strategic Direction – Evidence of Impact
The Board approved its Strategic Direction May, 2015. During the 2016 - 2017 school year preparations were made to close Millet Elementary School, repurpose C.B. McMurdo School and move the grade 9 students in the City of Wetaskiwin, Millet and Gwynne to WCHS. The first full year of the Board’s Strategic Direction occurred during the 2017 - 2018 school year. Administration presented data to provide evidence that the Board’s Strategic Direction achieved the Strategic Direction’s purpose, which was “to implement efficiencies across the Division, providing high quality learning opportunities while ensuring that the Division is financially sustainable.”

WRPS Enrolment Increase September 2018
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools September 30th, 2018 enrolment increased our student population by 7.5 full time equivalent (FTE) students. Enrolment numbers by school have been posted on the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools website. View the document Enrolment as at September 30, 2018. Total enrolment as of September 30, 2018, is 3947 students.

Dual Credit Initiative – Norquest College Edmonton
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools received a $50,000 dual credit initiative grant from Alberta Education to implement a dual credit program. Dual credit helps students to:

- get a jump start on their post-secondary education while still in high school
- complete high school while engaging in meaningful curriculum
- transition to post-secondary studies or move into the world of work
- potentially complete post-secondary with less financial debt

Students in grade 10, 11, or 12 students can earn both high school credits and credits that count toward a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree, including a journeyperson certificate.

We will be partnering with Norquest College in Edmonton to focus on offering one semester of the two year Business Administration Diploma program to students from all three high schools as well as Outreach. To successfully implement this, we require at least one student cohort of 20-25 students. Parent community engagement sessions will be held in November 2018 to determine student interest. The intent is to begin courses for the Business Administration Diploma program in September 2020. In the future we will apply for a second dual credit grant of $50,000 focusing on the areas of agriculture and business.

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