School Calendar Review 2019-2020
The 2019-2020 school year draft calendars were developed and the Board initiated the calendar consultation, which includes circulation and stakeholder feedback in accordance with Administrative Procedure 130 - School Year.

A short public survey has been launched and is available on the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools website. www.wrps11.ca

Winfield School Public Forum
The Board will host a public forum on November 29, 2018 at the Winfield School at 7:00 p.m. The forum is being held to determine if there are potential partnerships to offer programming and services as part of the construction of a new Winfield School.

Gwynne Parent Provided Transportation
The Gwynne School Parent Association (GSPA) approached the Board of Trustees in April of 2018 and requested that the Board consider working with the parent association to evaluate the transportation of parental choice students to Gwynne School. The Parent Association met with Administration and discussed alternatives. The Board decided that WRPS will use the same bus contractor as the GSPA to transport City of Wetaskiwin students to Gwynne and back starting in September 2019. Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools will pay the standard bus transfer contract rate and the GPSA will pay the difference under separate contracts.

Alberta Transportation Mandatory Entry Level Training Program
Effective March 1, 2019 any person wanting to obtain a Class 2 (school bus driver) driver’s license must take the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program. The MELT program is an 80 hour standardized curriculum that consists of in-classroom, in-vehicle (in-yard where the vehicle is not moving) and on-road training. All drivers will also be required to pass an enhanced knowledge and road test to obtain their commercial driver’s license.

Class 2 driver’s license holders who obtained their license on or before October 9, 2018 will not be required to take the MELT program. Drivers who obtain Class 2 license between October 10, 2018 and March 1, 2019 will be required to retake the new enhanced knowledge and road test (at government expense) when it becomes available in March 2019.

In addition, Class 2 drivers must complete a 20 hour S Endorsement training program.

Effective March 1, 2019, all Class 4 drivers (activity bus drivers) must complete a 20 hour S Endorsement training program prior to driving.

Together for Students – Public School Board Association Campaign
Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board of Trustees reviewed the Public School Board Association of Alberta (PSBAA) “Together for Students” Campaign video and campaign material and determined that the Board will support the PSBAA’s “Together for Students” campaign. The campaign advocates for one inclusive education system, based on the fact that the province funds more educational systems than any other province in Canada. The PSBAA is asking that the public start a dialogue about the escalating costs. More information about this campaign can be found at www.togetherforstudents.ca.

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