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School Board votes to keep schools open

There will be no change to the number of schools in Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools after the May 27 meeting at which members of the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Board of Trustees voted to keep Pipestone and Lakedell schools open.

After a thorough and impassioned discussion the Board determined it was in the best interest of students and the communities to continue to deliver educational programming to students at Lakedell and Pipestone schools.

The Board recognizes that this was a very emotional and difficult process for everyone involved. Trustees know that the closure of a school is never a choice any school board wants to consider. The Board consulted widely with parents throughout the school division and looked at many alternatives to enhance the programs and services provided to students. It will now work diligently with interested stakeholders to try to obtain the requisite funding from the Government to maintain the quality of programs and services delivered to students.

“This was not an easy decision, that anyone on the Board made lightly,” says Board Chair. Deanna Specht “Closure of a school would never be our first choice. We recognize that the impact of decisions such as these has on the students and the community. But at the heart of our decision-making is our mandate to educate children. I know every Board member cast their vote based on what they believe to be in the best future educational interests of all the children we serve.”

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