

Board Highlights

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

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Farewell to Superintendent Dr. Terry Pearson

The Board of Trustees offer their best wishes to Dr. Terry Pearson, Superintendent, in his retirement. Terry had a long and distinguished career in education and he will retire effective July 31, 2020. He accepted the role of WRPS Superintendent in 2004, and was previously the superintendent of Buffalo Trail School Division, Director of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools, and also worked at Alberta Education, to name a few places he worked at during his time in education.

The Board thanks Terry for his strong leadership skills over the last 16 years. Despite the challenges over the years, and especially in this last year, he leaves us with a strong team of leaders in our school division that will help us overcome the challenges that we face.

In retirement, Terry is looking forward to spending more time with his family and his grandchildren. He is hoping to have more time to ride his motorbike and travel throughout Canada. We wish him all the best in this next chapter of his life.

Welcome to Incoming Superintendent Dr. Peter Barron

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter Barron as its new Superintendent of Schools, effective August 1, 2020. As the School Board's sole employee, the Superintendent is the key conduit between the elected School Board and the Division's staff and students. "We are very pleased to welcome Peter to our Division," said Board Chair Lynn Ware. "He will be a good addition to our team as we navigate through the current challenges."

Peter comes to WRPS with many years' experience in Alberta public education. Much of his teaching and administration experience was at Elk Island Public Schools where he progressed from teaching to a series of principalships at both the K-9 and high school levels. He went on to central administration responsibilities at Elk Island Public Schools and a one-year secondment to Alberta Education in National and International Education before accepting the position of Superintendent at Clearview Public Schools. During his six years at Clearview, Peter was credited with re-shaping the Division's operation into a team-based environment and with leading improvements in student achievement. He is a well-prepared forward-thinker who is innovative and loves taking on educational and administrative challenges.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Peter Barron as of August 1, 2020.

Transportation Task Force

Alberta Education assembled a Student Transportation Task Force to examine the student transportation system, including but not limited to eligibility, legislation and regulation, school board responsibility for transportation, safety, and cooperation. This Task Force aims to provide a report to the Minister of Education by Fall 2020. The Task Force has meetings scheduled across the province with one in Red Deer on July 7, 2020 at which WRPS delegates from the Board and Administration staff will attend.

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