February 26, 2016

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools Parents and Staff:

The Board of Trustees sent a letter to all parents and staff dated February 1, 2016. Attached to that letter was a copy of the **Board’s Proposed Strategic Direction**. The purpose of the strategic direction is to implement efficiencies, provide high quality learning opportunities, and ensure the Division is financially sustainable.

The Board indicated in the letter that it is committed to a consultation process with parents, staff and community members that is transparent and accountable. The Board determined that one part of the consultation process will be an online conversation in which you are invited to share your thoughts and questions about the **Strategic Direction**. Confidentiality has been assured by Thoughtexchange; the company administering the online conversation. They will only release the aggregate data to the Board and not who submitted specific thoughts or assigned specific stars.

You may receive an e-mail, *if we have it on record*, inviting you to participate in this engagement. In the event we do not have your e-mail we ask you to register your email address at [http://wrps.ab.thoughtexchange.info/invitation](http://wrps.ab.thoughtexchange.info/invitation). For participants who do not have an email address you can request a paper copy of the questions through your school, the Division office, or on our website at: [http://www.wrps.ab.ca/trustees/board-strategic-direction/thoughtexchange-conversation](http://www.wrps.ab.ca/trustees/board-strategic-direction/thoughtexchange-conversation).

The online conversation will be a two- step process where from March 2-11 you will be asked to answer four questions. Following that, from March 16–March 28 you will be invited by e-mail to review the thoughts of others and help prioritize them.

Additionally, the Board will be hosting two open houses to discuss and gather more feedback about Proposed Strategic Direction. Open houses will be held in Millet on May 4th, 2016 and in Wetaskiwin on May 10th, 2016. Location and times for the open houses are to be determined.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about the **Strategic Direction**. Your participation in this process will help guide the future direction of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools. On behalf of the Board we sincerely appreciate your willingness to assist us with this important work.

Sincerely,

Barbara Johnson,
Board Chair

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**We're listening!**

**Every voice matters!**

Share: Add your voice from March 2 to March 11

Star: Review and prioritize March 16 to March 28