

Community Engagement



2022/2023 Community Engagement Events

Annual Community Engagement Event: Jasper

We invite our Jasper school community stakeholders to join GYPSD's Board of Trustees for an opportunity to share your voice on public education.

February 22, 6-8 pm

Jasper Junior/Senior High School

The annual community engagement meeting provides participants with information on the Division's work and key strategies to help each student succeed. It is an opportunity to sit with your local trustees and hear about the Board's governance focus and advocacy efforts for public education.

For planning purposes, the Board of Trustees invites school community stakeholders to propose educational topics and/or questions for the Board to address at this meeting.

Your participation and input are vital to our planning process because education is built on collaboration with all of our public education partners.

[Thank you in advance for taking a minute to provide input into this year's engagement agenda.](#)

Annual Community Engagement Event: Edson Area

We invite our Edson area school community stakeholders to join GYPSD's Board of Trustees for an opportunity to share your voice on public education.

March 2, 6-8 pm

Parkland Composite High School

The annual community engagement meeting provides participants with information on the Division's work and key strategies to help each student succeed. It is an opportunity to sit with your local trustees and hear about the Board's governance focus and advocacy efforts for public education.

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Annual Community Engagement Event: Lobstick

We invite our Lobstick school community stakeholders to join GYPSD's Board of Trustees for an opportunity to share your voice on public education.

Lobstick: March 8, 6-8 pm

Niton Central School

The annual community engagement meeting provides participants with information on the Division's work and key strategies to help each student succeed. It is an opportunity to sit with your local trustees and hear about the Board's governance focus and advocacy efforts for public education.

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Hinton Attendance Area Boundary Review

**January 25, 2023, Public Board Meeting
Decision:**

At the January 23, 2023, Public Board Meeting, the



Board unanimously approved an update to the Hinton Attendance Areas for the two elementary schools, to take effect for the 2023/24 school year.

- Students living in the four Hinton neighbourhoods of Hardisty, Thompson Lake, Eaton and West Riverside are designated to CVS.
- Students living in the three Hinton neighbourhoods of Terrace Heights, Mountainview and Hillcrest are designated to EMVS. Additionally, all FRIM students from all neighbourhoods in K-7 are designated to EMVS.
- Students residing **outside** of Hinton's municipal boundaries to the **west** are designated to EMVS.
- Students residing **outside** of Hinton's municipal boundaries to the **east** are designated to CVS.

[Updated Elementary Attendance Areas MAP](#)

The Board acknowledges that there are families whose **designated school for eligible transportation** services may now be different for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Please note families are **not required** to change schools and the Board supports parent choice.
- Families who choose not to attend their designated school for the 2023-2024 school year can arrange for the Division to provide busing to another GYPSD school through the [School of Choice fee - see Policy 17 Appendix A](#).

The Board of Trustees held an extensive engagement process to ensure stakeholders had opportunities to make suggestions, provide feedback, and identify their boundary change preference.

November 1, 2022

The Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division is hosting families and community stakeholders for an information session regarding a review of the elementary school attendance areas for [eligible transportation service](#) in the Town of Hinton and surrounding areas. The review is needed as the population of the Town of Hinton and surrounding areas have

grown and changed since the transportation boundaries were last updated over 20 years ago.

[Existing Busing Boundaries](#)

[Policy 17 - Student Transportation Services](#)

[AP 305 - Student Attendance Areas](#)

The goal of this review is to improve the alignment of attendance boundaries to the province's Student Transportation Regulation and maintain stable enrollments between the two schools. Input from community engagement will be used to determine what, if any, changes are needed and how these changes will be implemented.

The Board of Trustees has two in-person events planned for families and stakeholders:

1. An information and input session will take place on November 15th to provide attendees with background on the transportation areas in place, reasons for the review, and to collect input.
2. A workshop session will take place on December 7th where attendees will be invited to give feedback on the ideas collected at the November 15th event and give input on any proposed changes.

Additionally, an online survey will be available for stakeholders to provide input for those unable to do so in person. The survey is now closed - thank you to those who shared their thoughts. Principals will forward the link to the survey to families; the survey will be available to the wider community through the GYPSD website.

The review process will be transparent, and fair, and if any changes are made, they will be guided by the community's input.

[Information and Input Session](#)

[Stakeholder Questions and Answers from November 15, 2022, Workshop](#)

[Stakeholder Questions and Answers from November 21 to 28 Survey](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Harry Collinge High School, Learning Commons

Workshop

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Harry Collinge High School, Learning Commons

In summary, please note that no decisions have been made. Community input is essential to ensure that the changes address the identified needs of the schools and the community.

All of the ideas and comments collected through this review and consultation process will come forward at the **January 25 Public Board Meeting** where the Board will discuss options, costs, and timelines that impact courtesy service fees, and ultimately make their decisions.

This information, as well as any decisions made about the attendance boundaries, will be made publicly available for all stakeholders after the January 25th, 2023, Public Board Meeting.

Grande Cache School Closure Proposal - October 2022

At the March 9th, 2022 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to propose the closure of Sheldon Coates Elementary School for the 2023/24 school year. The proposed closure of Sheldon Coates in 2023/24 included a reconfiguration of grades between the two remaining schools: Summitview School and Grande Cache Community High School. In the proposed reconfiguration, Summitview would provide elementary programming for children in kindergarten and students through to Grade 6, and GCCHS would provide secondary school programming for students in Grades 7-12. As part of its priority of community engagement, the Board held a public meeting on September 14th and ran an online survey from September 23 – 30th

to collect input and feedback from the Grande Cache stakeholders. The data was carefully reviewed by the Board and informed their October 19th Public Board Meeting decision to not proceed with the closure.

[Grande Cache School Closure Exploration - September](#)

- [Summary of Stakeholder Feedback](#)

Community Engagement Events, 2022

The Board of Trustees for GYPSD hosted **virtual** community engagement events in the five zones that make up the jurisdiction on April 26, 27, 28, May 3 and 5, 2022.

In addition to the community engagement zone events, we are asking for your input in this Division-wide survey. The information you provide on this survey will help to inform the Division's 3 Year Education Plan (3YEP).

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this short, confidential survey.

[Division Feedback Survey](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division invite you to have a conversation to:

Dream. Innovate. Inspire.

- Participate in conversation with your community and school trustees to contribute to the development of GYPSD's 3 Year Education Plan.
- Learn about the information & strategies Grande Yellowhead Public School Division uses to meet educational priorities.
- Engage in a Q and A with your Board of Trustees

- Grande Cache: April 26th, 6-8:30 pm
- Jasper: April 27th, 6-8:30 pm
- Hinton: April 28th, 6-8:30 pm
- Lobstick (Evansburg, Wildwood, and Niton): May 3rd, 6-8:30 pm
- Edson: May 5th, 6-8:30 pm

Visit the GYPSD website at www.gypsd.ca for the link to join the conversation!

2021-2025 Board of Trustees

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Grande Cache	April 26th, 6-8 pm	Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/sfz-brog-qdt
Jasper	April 27th, 6-8 pm	Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/jku-uwak-nhu
Hinton	April 28th, 6-8 pm	Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/pwo-nwcy-nri
Lobstick (Evansburg, Wildwood, and Niton)	May 3rd, 6-8 pm	Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/jfx-mzif-esv
Edson and Fulham	May 5th, 6-8 pm	Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ocw-onwi-ows

We hope you will join the conversation!

2021-2022 Community Engagement

Events

[Division Engagement Process and Online Survey](#)

- [Summary of Results](#)

[2021 Community Engagement for Grand Trunk Modernization](#)

2019-2020 Community Engagement Events

[March 2020 Community Engagement](#)

- [Summary of Results](#)

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