

TRUSTEE COMMUNITY UPDATE



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2009

The Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 is made up of 9 communities, including Leduc County. These communities are: New Sarepta, Beaumont, Leduc, Devon, Calmar, New Humble, Thorsby, Warburg and the Hutterite Colony. We also operate programs in Home-Based Schooling and Distance Learning from our Outreach School.

Vision

In a democratic society, the public school system exists to fill an educational need, supporting free access to ideas, promoting free expression, providing public information and fostering enlightenment.

It plays a key role in optimizing human potential.



It also serves a socializing purpose, and is largely responsible for the unified society in which we live.

Mission

The Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Schools, in collaboration with partners, is responsible for the development and delivery of educational programs that respond to the learning needs of students.

Our goal is to enable students to fulfill personal aspirations while they learn how to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society.



Pandemic H1N1 influenza in Alberta

The H1N1 influenza virus (2009) has been reported worldwide and the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic. The virus is now referred to as "pandemic H1N1 influenza virus" or "Pandemic (H1N1) 2009." Governments around the world and WHO are working together to monitor and respond to this situation. The province's health system is on alert and Albertans are asked to take precautions against the H1N1 influenza virus to help stop the spread of infection.

Information websites:
www.healthlinkalberta.ca

[www.health.alberta.ca/
health-info/influenza-self-
care.html](http://www.health.alberta.ca/health-info/influenza-self-care.html)

Board Meetings

Our bi-monthly Board meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m., 5th floor at Central Office, County Centre in Nisku. If you have an item you wish to address, please contact Ruth Andres, Secretary-Treasurer, of Black Gold Regional access more information on Black visit our website at www.blackgold.ca.



Board Contacts:

As members of the Board of Education of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, we commit ourselves to working with staff members and other relevant stakeholder groups to provide the highest possible standard of educational opportunities for our students. Our goal is to help students fulfill personal aspirations while they learn how to become life-long learners and contributing members of society.

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County Central
County East
County West
Devon
Leduc
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Trustee Events

This Fall, trustees have attended and been involved in a variety of functions and committees including:

- First steps in developing policy/guidelines for Black Gold Regional Division
- Welcome Back Ceremony for Black Gold staff
- School Visits: trustees visit all 27 schools in our Division throughout the school year
- Fall Planning Session: focusing on strategic planning which will help drive grade configurations
- Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 2/3 and Public School Board Association meetings
- Consultation Committee for the construction of a new elementary school in Thorsby
- Meetings with the MLA's and municipal councils
- Input into reopening the School Act

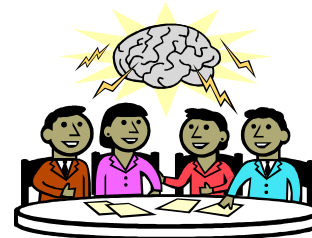


Black Gold Regional Division has experienced the government claw backs in education reserves of 7%, amounting in approximately \$390,000.00. While this is difficult, this currently will not affect any services provided to our schools.

Black Gold Regional Division announced new appointments to the administrative staff:

Stuart Evans, Superintendent of Schools

Dennis Nosyk, Associate Superintendent-Human Resources.



Inspiring Education

Black Gold Regional Division Board of Education and communities have been involved in discussions with Alberta Education's engagement sessions: Inspiring Education - a Dialogue with Albertans. Continuing community engagement forum will be held on October 18 and 19. www.inspiringeducation.alberta.ca

ASBA News: Focus on Advocacy

Improving High School Completion Rates

Purpose

The ASBA Board of Directors recognizes that many groups share responsibility for improving Alberta's high school completion rates. Along with society, parents, the community, students, and the provincial government, schools and school boards need to contribute to the solution. In addressing the role school boards have in addressing this issue, the ASBA High School Completion Task Force is assigned the responsibility of: Identifying the unique contributions school boards can make to improving high school



completion rates; and, identifying and developing resources to assist school boards in their efforts to improve high school completion rates. In light of these responsibilities, and with the view of contributing to improving Alberta's high school completion rates, the task force is to develop an advocacy plan for consideration by the ASBA Board of Directors which could help direct the ASBA's advocacy efforts on this initiative. This advocacy plan is to be completed by June 2009.

View the [2008-09 Annual Report](#) for seven most important accomplishments of the past school year at www.asba.ca.

**I: Infusing
C: Communication
T: Technology**

ICT is a website developed by Black Gold teachers as a resource for students from K-12, parents and educators.

To access the website go to www.blackgold.ca and click on ICT under the Resource tab.

