



BLACK GOLD  
REGIONAL  
DIVISION NO. 18

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2014



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### École Coloniale Estates School

In celebration of La Semaine de la Francophonie, French Immersion students at École Coloniale Estates School attended a flag raising ceremony. The Franco-Albertan flag is a symbol of the francophone culture which is a vibrant part of Alberta. Beaumont's MLA, Honourable George Rogers (pictured left) and Principal Raymond Cable (pictured right) spoke at this significant event then sang O' Canada, en français, along with students and teachers while the flag was raised.



Congratulations to Jowi Taylor for his successful Six String Nation tour to numerous BGRS schools. Jowi is a former CBC radio broadcaster who is bringing our nation's history and culture alive through his unique guitar and stories. His guitar, the *Voyageur*, is constructed from historically significant items from across Canada. Numerous BGRS staff, students, and family had the opportunity to play this amazing guitar.

### École Leduc Junior High School



École Leduc Junior High School received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Leduc & District Food Bank in recognition of their ongoing contributions and supports. Congratulations to the ELJHS Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams (Grade 8) who won Gold in the Leduc & District Premier Division. Well done students, volunteer coaches and parents! The ELJHS wrestling team won a record 15 medals at provincials, including one wrestler who has qualified for the Canadian Wrestling Team Championships. Congratulations!



### John Maland High School

This is the fourth year of the John Maland High School Sports Medicine Program and Mr. Hancock's first year teaching it. We have shifted the program from a Sports Medicine and Fitness program to a Sports Medicine and Wellness program. The program is built around CTS modules from the Health, Recreation, and Human Services stream. The Grade 10 program focuses on providing a holistic foundation of knowledge and skills in this stream. The Grade 11 and eventually, the Grade 12 levels, will be focused on developing their knowledge and skills through practical application within the JMHS community and larger Devon community.

JMHS was very appreciative when the Devon Physio Clinic donated several thousand dollars worth of equipment to the program including two whirlpool baths for injury treatment. As well, we were very excited to have our program featured on Global News in an interview with John Sexsmith, the well known sports broadcaster for Global News. Check out the story at: <http://globalnews.ca/video/1249940/sports-medicine-program-in-devon>

### School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest Winners

Sue Timmermans, Transportation Manager, announced that Black Gold Regional Schools has three Provincial School Bus Safety Poster contest winners. The following winning students were presented with their plaque and a \$50 gift card for Chapters/Indigo Store. The school also each receives \$100 towards a school field trip:

- Emmica McCaffrey - Leduc Estates School—ECS/Kindergarten
- Rylee-Jayne Kusiak - Leduc Estates School—ECS/Kindergarten
- Akilah Alor - Linsford Park School—Grade 3



## LEDUC GRADE CONFIGURATION & BOUNDARY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Division Principal Norm Dargis, and Principals Paul Wozny and Werner Fisher, presented the Parent Engagement Response Summary of the Leduc Schools Configuration Review. Mr. Dargis provided a summarized explanation of the process, membership of the Committee, objectives, and the public consultation. Mr. Dargis also discussed the summary of comments that were received from parents and the public. The Working Committee is now seeking recommendation on which direction they should proceed with based on the comments from the public.



Trustees thanked the Working Committee for their work on the review, and thanked the parents and public for their comments.

The Board, based upon the February 26, 2014 open house and related public consultation feedback, recommended that the Working Committee develop one or more options in the City of Leduc area west of Highway 2 and south of Highway 39, and Caledonia Park School area, that meets the Leduc Schools Configuration Review goals and objectives, including further public consultation with the potentially affected stakeholders.

## THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

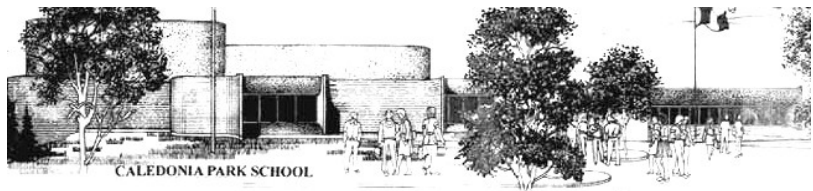
The Board approved the 2015-2018 Three-Year Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education as presented. The Plan includes:

### New School & Preservation Requests

1. Beaumont - École J.E. Lapointe School (2015)
  - Preservation & modernization – Refer to study
  - Replacement of portables with modulars
  - Addition for Junior High Programs
  - Add 2<sup>nd</sup> Gymnasium



2. Leduc - Caledonia Park School (2015)
  - Preservation & modernization
  - Demolition of portables
  - New modulars



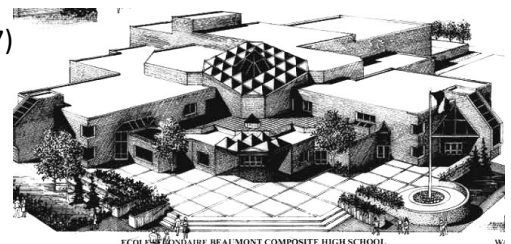
3. Beaumont – New K-9 School (2016)
  - New Facility



4. Leduc - École Corinthia Park School (2016)
  - Mechanical system upgrade - Refer to study
  - Preservation & modernization



5. Beaumont - École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School (2017)
  - Add 2<sup>nd</sup> Gymnasium
  - Replace portables with Addition



6. Leduc – New K-9 School (2017)
  - New Facility

## ARCHITECTURAL RFP—CALMAR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Associate Superintendent Andres advised the Board that nine proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Architectural Consultant Services for the Calmar Secondary School Modernization Project. A committee composed of two representatives from Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, and one representative each from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure reviewed the submissions and are recommending that the contract be awarded to The Workun Garrick Partnership.

The Board awarded the contract for Architectural Services Consultant for the Calmar Secondary School Modernization project to The Workun Garrick Partnership.



## 2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS



CELEBRATING ALBERTA'S TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

2014 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Associate Superintendent Monty introduced and congratulated Kirsten Newman, Teacher at New Sarepta Community High School who has received a nomination for the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Awards from Alberta Education. Ms. Newman stated that MLA George Rogers nominated her for this award. Ms. Newman's class hosts a forum which was originally started by Dennis Nosyk for municipalities and politicians to attend, and Mr. Rogers regularly attends this forum. The students take this forum very seriously and look forward to meeting the members from the municipal and provincial governments.

Ms. Newman has thoroughly enjoyed her career and is happy to be teaching. Superintendent Yanitski and Trustees congratulated Ms. Newman and thanked her for attending the meeting.

## SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski attended school visits on March 18, 2014 to the following schools: École Leduc Junior High, Willow Park and Caledonia Park. Trustee Martinson stated it is always a pleasure to visit the schools as they always see something different and new. Superintendent Yanitski mentioned that students are now recognizing the Trustees, and it is great to see the students interested in seeing the Board.

### Educational Visits & Visitors



### ***Great Truths Children Have Learned***

1. *When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.*
2. *If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.*
3. *You can't trust dogs to watch your food.*
4. *You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.*
5. *The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.*



## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*Trustees and Administration acknowledged a moment of reflection for families and staff dealing with illnesses.*