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Black Gold Regional Schools to lead a consortium of five School Authorities in the development of Alberta Curriculum for Grade 7-9

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On February 19, the Honourable Jeff Johnson, Minister of Education announced that Black Gold Regional Schools, as the lead of a consortium of five school districts, has been awarded a contract by Alberta Education to develop Alberta curriculum for grades 7-9.

Alberta Education is exploring new ways of empowering stakeholders and collaborating with them to achieve the cultural shifts and transformations envisioned in Inspiring Education and the Ministerial Order on Student Learning. In support of this, they invited publicly funded school authorities to collaborate with the ministry to co-develop new Kindergarten to grade 12 provincial curriculum. School districts submitted proposals for one or more specific grade groupings: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, or 10-12.

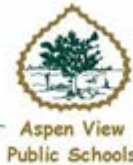
Alberta Education has provided a number of guiding documents, including standards, competencies, and literacy and numeracy benchmarks. Throughout the next year, the Black Gold Regional Schools Consortium will develop all of the learning outcomes, learning and teaching resources, and classroom based assessments for grades 7, 8, and 9 in six subject areas:

- Arts Education
- Language Arts (English and French)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Wellness Education



The Black Gold Regional Schools Consortium is known as the PACE³ Team and includes:

- Aspen View Public Schools
- Evergreen Catholic Schools
- High Prairie Public Schools
- Northern Gateway Regional Schools



Black Gold Regional Division No.18 is located directly south of Edmonton, extending from the New Sarepta area in the east, to the Warburg area in the west. It includes the municipalities of Beaumont, Devon, Thorsby, Calmar, and Leduc. With approximately 9,500 students enrolled in 29 schools BGRS teachers and support staff are committed to “inspiring success” in all students. For more information on Black Gold Regional Division No.18 and our schools, visit <http://www.blackgold.ca>