



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

NEWS RELEASE

Notice of Public Meeting

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Notice of Public Meeting: Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Electoral Ward Boundary Review

Residents of the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 (BGRD) are invited to provide their input as part of a review of the School Trustee electoral ward boundaries. The BGRD Electoral Boundary Review is intended to ensure that each person in the BGRD has equitable representation.

The review is led by the Alberta School Boards Association, Education Consultant, Mr. Brian Callaghan, who will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 based on consultation feedback.

Black Gold Regional Division Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members. During the past 20 years there has been substantial population growth and development throughout the region. Based on the 1993 census, the population of the region was approximately 35,089 residents; thus each trustee represented about 5,000 people. This ratio has shifted over the past 20 years. From 1994 to 2014 the population in the seven wards grew to 68,450 people. The goal of the review is to ensure that the number of electors is similar in every ward throughout the Division.

Residents of BGRD are invited to provide their input as part of the electoral ward boundary review.

The first series of public meetings will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Calmar Elementary School (Gymnasium) 5402 – 50 Street, Calmar, Alberta	Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Office 5 th Floor, 1101 – 5 Street, Nisku, Alberta
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Additional information, including population of the region and current trustee representation, methodology, and frequently asked questions can be found on the Black Gold Regional Division [website](#).

Should the Board vote at some future date on an option to change the existing boundaries, the changes would not take place until the next municipal election in October 2017.

For more information, or to provide feedback, please email: ewbreview@blackgold.ca.

About Black Gold Regional Division No. 18

Black Gold Regional Division No.18 (BGRD) 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, the City of Leduc and Leduc County. With approximately 10,000 students enrolled in 30 schools, BGRD 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: www.blackgold.ca.