



Trustees Approve Ward Boundary Reconfiguration

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION

June 23, 2020

At the June 17th regular Board meeting the Board of Trustees for The Black Gold School Division approved a new ward boundary structure that will come into effect for the next election in 2021.

The Board hired Mr. David Steele, a consultant, through the Alberta School Boards Association to guide the trustees through the boundary reconfiguration process. Mr. Steele also provided information on historical context as well as current population trends within the Division.

As part of the process, two separate public engagement events were held by the Board. The first consisted of two public meetings, held early in the process, to gather public input regarding considerations that were most important for reconfiguration and included questions as to the number of trustees that should be elected to represent constituents. The second, was an electronic survey to all constituents to gather feedback on two identified scenarios or propose a different scenario for consideration. Over 660 respondents provided their thoughts. The Board would like to thank all those involved in both of these engagements for their thoughtful input and feedback.

The Board voted six to one to accept the will of the majority of the respondents and selected a boundary configuration that aligns with the current attendance boundaries of the seven high schools in the Division. Some of the highlights of the selected boundaries included:

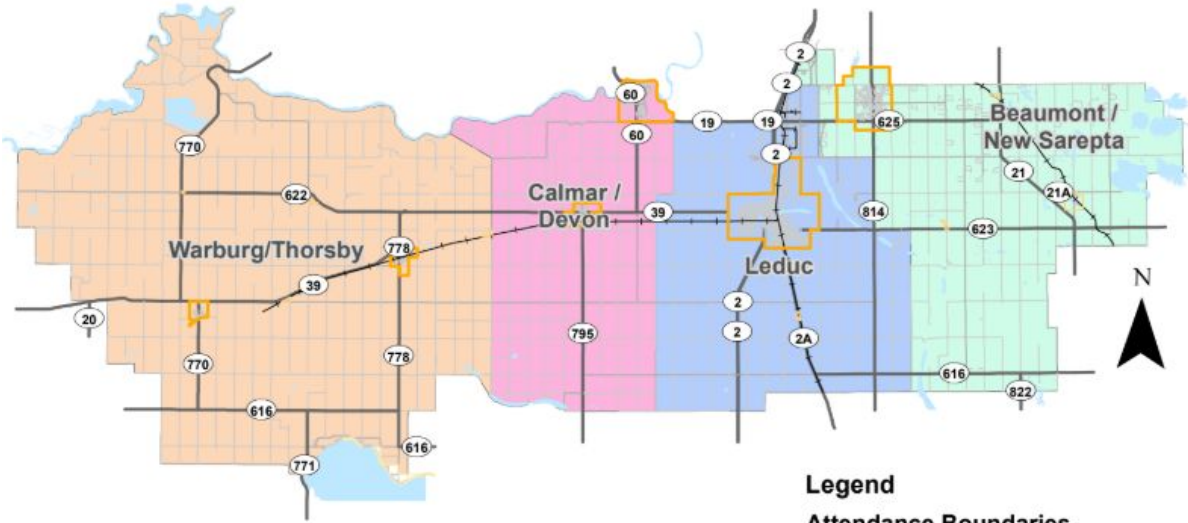
- Each ward consisted of both urban and rural constituents.
- Each trustees would have a similar number of schools so they would be able to attend school functions and report to school councils.
- Those schools would be within a reasonable driving distance for trustees.
- The map recognizes the importance of both rural and urban representation.

The distribution of trustees in the new wards is:

- A. Warburg / Thorsby: One trustee
- B. Calmar / Devon: One trustee
- C. Leduc: Three Trustees
- D. Beaumont / New Sarepta: Two trustees

The Black Gold School Division new ward boundaries are depicted on the map on the next page.

Black Gold School Division Ward Boundaries
Effective Fall 2021



Legend

Attendance Boundaries

- Beaumont / New Sarepta
- Calmar / Devon
- Leduc
- Warburg/Thorsby