



Board Highlights

December 13, 2023

Acting Superintendent of Schools Appointed

The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Cindi Vaselenak as the Acting Superintendent of Schools/CEO of the Black Gold School Division.

Dr. Vaselenak will take on the role starting January 1, 2024, until May 31 or until such time as Mr. Michael Borgfjord is able to begin his term as the new Superintendent of Schools/CEO. Dr. Vaselenak is taking over from current superintendent Bill Romanchuk, who is retiring on December 31, 2023, after 22 years of service to Black Gold.

Dr. Vaselenak has worked for over 35 years as an educator in the roles of teacher, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal, principal, deputy superintendent, and superintendent in Alberta. In 2019 she was named the Alberta Superintendent of the Year, receiving the provincial EXL Award for Excellence in School System Leadership. She currently consults for the Alberta School Boards Association, and serves as a sessional instructor at the University of Alberta.

3-Year Joint Funding for School Resource Officer in the City of Leduc

As part of their shared commitment to student and community safety, the Black Gold School Division (BGSD) and the City of Leduc have approved funding for a second School Resource Officer (SRO) from September 2024 to June 2027.

For the past several years, an RCMP member has served as an SRO in Black Gold schools in Leduc. This new position, to be filled by a Community Peace Officer (CPO), will allow the current SRO to spend more time working with junior and senior high students and dedicate time to Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocols.

The CPO will promote safe learning environments, build positive relationships with students and provide mentorship, education and programming aimed at elementary school students.

Leduc Composite High School Receives Final Approval for the Student Excursion to France and Spain

The Board of Trustees granted Final Approval for 90 students in grades 11-12 and 9 Black Gold employee supervisors to travel to France and Spain during spring break from March 23 to March 30, 2024 (inclusive) with no instructional days missed.

This optional, extracurricular student excursion will have students immersed in the French and Spanish culture, language, art and traditions.

