

TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community
January 2023



Annual Education Results Report (AERR) Update

On December 6, 2022, Alberta Education released additional information regarding the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests written in June of 2022. The information indicated that some students in the province obtained answer keys and test questions for these exams and may have used them within the last three days of writing. Analyzing the exam window for Sturgeon Public Schools, it would not have been possible for our students to utilize this information for any exam, except Social Studies 9.

After reviewing this information and confirming that student data most likely impacted by the breach was already removed from the data set presented to the Board in November within the Annual Education Results Report (AERR), Administration has added a caution statement to the updated report. The additional caution statement appears in the [Amended AERR](#) on page 3 and reads:

Province-wide Security Breach of Provincial Achievement Tests

Due to a province-wide security breach, caution should be exercised when interpreting Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) results. Alberta Education has removed from the provincial cohort the results of many students who wrote over the last few days of the administration window. The provincial results are still representative of the Alberta student population. The number of students reported for each school authority and each school was not adjusted.

Changes to Policy 130

Administration has reviewed Policy 130 – Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) as part of its review of policies. The current Policy 130 was forwarded to the Office of the Public Interest Commissioner for review and has been amended to include the Commissioner's recommendations.

The Policy Committee reviewed the revised Policy 130 – Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) at their January 11, 2023, committee meeting and recommended it to the Public Board meeting for approval. At the January 25th Public Board Meeting, all amendments to Policy 130 were approved by the Board and can be found on our [Division website](#).

First Student Presentation to the Board of Trustees

At the January 25, 2023 Public Board Meeting, Four Winds Public School STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy students presented to the Board of Trustees on a day in the life of STEAM Academy. They explained what areas of study STEAM encompasses, discussed the goals of the academy, outlined the different activities they take part in such as 3D printing, robotics and coding, and shared some of their recent work. To watch the STEAM Academy's presentation, [click here](#).



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