

# TRUSTEE TALK

Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public school community  
September 2024



## Indigenous Student Success

Sturgeon Public Schools remains committed to supporting Indigenous student success with a range of initiatives. From September 23rd to 27th, students will participate in National Truth and Reconciliation Week activities, including Division-wide daily guides for teachers, school-based events, and commemorating Orange Shirt Day on September 27th. The permanent Tipi at Sturgeon Composite High School continues to serve as a hub for cultural teachings, and two additional Tipis will be erected at Four Winds and Camilla Schools in the spring. Looking ahead to 2024-2025, SPS is focusing on key strategies to enhance community partnerships, foster safe school environments, and promote academic success for Indigenous students. These efforts aim to integrate Indigenous culture into the learning experience, foster meaningful engagement, and create reciprocal connections with local Indigenous communities.

For more information on our goals, strategies and measures for fostering student success, click [here](#).

## Policy 900: Student Conduct and Discipline

At the September 23, 2024, Public Board meeting, the Sturgeon Public Schools Board of Trustees approved updates to *Policy 900: Student Conduct and Discipline* in response to Ministerial Order #014/2024 – Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools. Over the summer, Administration updated relevant procedures to ensure a smooth transition to the new standards at the start of the school year. By implementing these changes now, the Division is well-positioned to comply with the Ministerial Order, which requires full policy adoption by January 1, 2025.

To view the updated policy, click [here](#).

## AP221: Focused and Effective Communication

Sturgeon Public Schools values open communication with our stakeholders. To resolve concerns effectively, it is important to address issues at the most direct level. For concerns about your child, start by communicating with the classroom teacher or school administrator, as they are best positioned to address the situation. If necessary, unresolved issues can be elevated through the appropriate channels, as outlined in *Division Procedure 221: Focused and Effective Communication*. This procedure ensures timely and respectful resolution of disputes, always with the success of our students in mind.

For more details, click [here](#) to view the communication flow chart.

## Draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

At the September 23, 2024, Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.

To view the draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, click [here](#).

