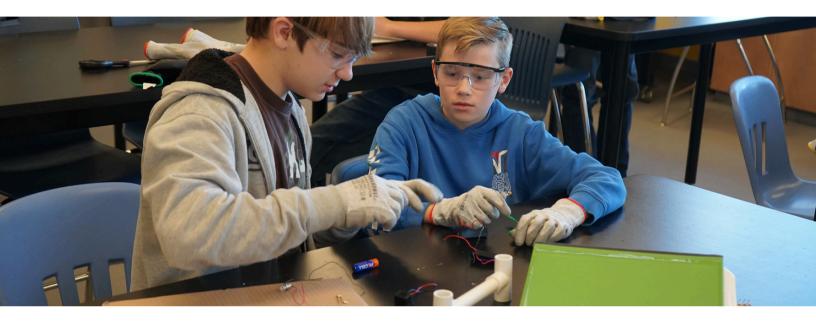
STURGEON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUSTEE TALK



Updates from the Board of Trustees for our Sturgeon Public School Community January 2025



Advocating for Excellence: Trustees Taking Action

Trustees as Advocates

Trustees champion the needs of students and families by engaging with provincial leaders to address critical issues affecting education. The Board of Trustees have sent two advocacy letters to the Minister of Education, addressing vital concerns for students and families. The full letters are available through the links below.

Survey Data Improvements

The Board called for enhancements to Alberta Education's data collection methods, highlighting issues with survey design, participation rates and data delays. Proposed solutions aim to improve data accuracy and usefulness for school divisions. Read the letter <u>here</u>.

Funding for Mental Health Classrooms

Trustees advocated for targeted funding to sustain CASA Mental Health Classrooms, which support students with significant mental health needs. The current funding model leaves school boards covering teacher costs, a challenge amid tightening budgets. Read the letter <u>here</u>.

The Power of Literacy

Literacy has traditionally been defined as reading and writing, but today it encompasses much more. According to Alberta Education, literacy is "the ability, confidence, and willingness to engage with language to acquire, construct, and communicate meaning in all aspects of daily living." From infancy, literacy grows through language acquisition, instruction and practice. With effective teaching methods, timely assessments and purposeful interventions, nearly every child can develop the skills needed to thrive.

CUPE Labour Action Local 4625

Our top priority is to ensure a safe, secure, welcoming and caring learning and working environment for everyone. To keep everyone informed, we have updated our website to include a dedicated section for <u>Labour Action</u> <u>Updates</u>. This area is regularly refreshed with the latest information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Read the full Literacy Report <u>here</u>.

Open Houses 2025

Sturgeon Public Schools invites parents to explore a range of educational options, from <u>pre-kindergarten</u>, <u>kindergarten</u>, high school or specialty programs like <u>LOGOS</u>. Sturgeon Public Schools host a variety of open houses from January to May to give parents an opportunity to learn more and register their children for the upcoming school year. For more details and to explore these opportunities, please visit the <u>website</u>.

<u>Bon Accord Community School</u> Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Wednesday, March 12 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<u>Gibbons School</u> Grade 5 - Grade 9 Thursday, May 15 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

<u>Legal Public School</u> Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 6 Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<u>Ochre Park School</u> Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Monday, February 10 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<u>Sturgeon Heights School</u> Open Air Kindergarten Wednesday, January 29 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <u>Camilla School</u> Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Tuesday, February 25 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

<u>Guthrie School</u> Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 9 Tuesday, February 11 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<u>Morinville Public School</u> Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten Monday, February 24 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Four Winds Public School Grade 5 Info Night Thursday, April 24 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

<u>Landing Trail School</u> Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 4 Tuesday, March 18 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

<u>Namao School</u> Kindergarten & Open Air Kindergarten Wednesday, February 12 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

High School - Open Houses 2025

<u>Sturgeon Composite High School</u> Grades 10 - 12 Thursday, February 27 5:30 pm. - 8:30 p.m. <u>Redwater School</u> Grades 5- 12 Tuesday, April 15 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.