



May 30, 2024

To: BRSD Families  
From: Rhae-Ann Holoien, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Subject: BRSD May Updates

As we wrap up the month of May, I am excited to share numerous activities and events that our students have been participating in. This month, our students have excelled in various activities, including track and field events, band and choir concerts, and drama productions. Additionally, our Grade 12 students continue to be celebrated in Farewell ceremonies, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey. We were also fortunate to have hosted Sam Demma in six locations within our division. His inspirational talks were delivered to Grades 7 to 12 students, fostering motivation, kindness and a positive mindset.

The Board of Trustees at Battle River School Division (BRSD) has approved the 2024-25 budget, which will be submitted to Alberta Education on May 31. Despite a decrease in our funding from Alberta Education, from \$70,243,045 to \$69,734,768, we remain steadfast in our commitment to enhancing our educational programs and resources. This year, 86 percent of our instruction budget is allocated directly to schools, and next year 87.55 percent of the instruction budget is allocated to schools. Schools are supplemented by \$2.9 million from our reserves to support staffing. We are dedicated to ensuring high quality learning environments and providing robust support for both students and staff. More information about our budget is available in this [initial media release](#) as well as this [most current release](#).

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has approved the 2024-27 Education Plan. This plan encompasses our vision of *Every Student, Every Day, a Success*, and outlines our three core priorities: Learning Success for All, Enhance High Quality Learning and Working Environments, and Well-Being. Developed with input from over 300 stakeholders and aligned with Alberta Education's priorities, the plan reflects a collaborative effort to optimize educational outcomes through best practices and comprehensive data analysis.

I encourage you to review the new [2024-27 Education Plan](#) and [media release](#). This plan is not only a blueprint for our schools but also an embodiment of our commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in education. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in making BRSD a thriving educational community.

Enjoy the last month of school!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Holoien".

Rhae-Ann Holoien  
Superintendent of Schools



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