

RVS Trustee report for School council
April

PROVINCIAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The changes to the Weighted Moving Average funding model in Budget 2025, which still utilizes the previous year's enrolment numbers, are a step forward but do not go far enough to ensure growing divisions like RVS are not disadvantaged by increasing enrolment.

With the new two-year average adjusted enrolment method and a projected 28,670 students, we will be funded for 28,527 resulting in 143 unfunded students.

RVS believes the funding model for schools must be rooted in the principle of every student being fully funded every year.

Additional funding in Budget 2025 is welcome news as the degree of complexity in RVS' classrooms is growing. Increases to funding for programs like Program Unit Funding (PUF), the Classroom Complexity Grant and Specialized Learning Supports is appreciated.

RVS CAREER LEARNING FRAMEWORK

As part of our work to build future-ready students, RVS has developed a framework to guide career learning in the division. Using this approach, staff support students as they explore a broad spectrum of careers, facilitate opportunities for students to engage with community partners with career expertise and experience authentic, hands-on career integrated activities. The framework launched in January and has already led to career-related events, important partnerships, resources and opportunities advancing the division's goal of building future ready students. Resources, information and opportunities are available on the Career Learning section of RVS' website. New partnerships include APEGGA, Calgary Construction, Enbridge, and many more.

SCHOOL SITE UPDATE

RVS has received full construction funding for the K-9 school in Dawsons Landing. This will be a P3 school with an expected completion of Fall 2029. A public consultation regarding boundary areas for this school as well as a school name will be conducted the year before the school open.

We have also received planning funding for a high school site. This puts us in the queue for the next steps of design and then construction funding.

Work continues on the second K-9 school in the Chelsea development. The expectation is that this site will be ready by the end of this calendar year.

Growth in Chestermere continues and new schools are needed to keep pace. Continued advocacy for the K-9 school in Chelsea, Bridgeport, and Clearwater is necessary.

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