

# 2020

**TO LEARN. TO GROW.  
TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.**

## NOVEMBER BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### ITEMS FOR ACTION

#### Accountability Pillar Results:

MHPSD achieved **“Very High”** results in:

- Safe & caring schools
- Program of studies
- Education quality
- School improvement

MHPSD achieved **“High”** results in:

- High school completion
- Drop out rate
- Work preparation
- Citizenship
- Parental involvement

These results demonstrated an improvement over our prior 3 year average, with a significant improvement demonstrated in safe & caring, education quality and school improvement categories. We attribute our success to the work our schools are doing with collaborative response. This work, connected through a system-wide support network, has **allowed schools to support whole and small group instruction and to improve the delivery of individual programming needs.**

- 2019-2020 AERR Report
- 2019-2020 Highlights

#### Audited Financial Statements:

External auditors, Avail CPA, have completed their audit of 2019-2020. Audited Financial Statements were presented to the Board for review and adoption as the official financial results for the year ending Aug 31, 2020. The year-end financial results reflect a deficit of \$67,500.



#### Election Bylaw

Under the Education Act and the Local Authorities Act, a bylaw must be passed on or before Dec 31 of the year preceding the local election. The bylaw must be passed by three distinct and separate readings. Not more than two readings may be given at any one Board meeting, unless there is unanimous agreement to read all three at the meeting.

The secretary treasurer read the first reading in full and noted that the four key points reflected in the bylaw are the number of seats (trustees), type of election (by ward or general election), agreement to joint election with the City of Medicine Hat and naming of the returning officer. The second and third readings will be read by title and description at the next meeting.

## RECOGNITION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremonies:** Medicine Hat Public Schools held virtual Remembrance Day Ceremonies. The Board extended their appreciation to the staff for helping students recognize the importance of this day.

**\$2500 Donation for Chromebooks:** Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. donated \$2500 to MHPSD to help with the purchase of learning devices for students.



### Alberta School Board Association (ASBA)

**Presidents Award:** Congratulations to Rick Massini, Vice Chair, for receiving the ASBA President's Award, for his dedication, passion and years of service to students, staff and the Board. The award is given out every year to someone in the province who has made an exemplary contribution to education.



Rick Massini  
Vice Chair

Rick started his teaching career in 1972 and joined our MHPSD family in 1980 as a science, math and Physical Education teacher at Hat High. He moved into a counselling role at Hat High, then became the vice-principal. After that he moved to Ross Glen School and retired as the Principal. Rick was voted

into a trustee role with the Medicine Hat Public Board of Education in 2010 and has served for 10 years. Rick has performed every role on the board and sits currently as the vice chair.

"It's always been about helping people learn for me. I really identified with students who may not have learned in traditional ways, or as fast, because I am a non-traditional learner. Education is so important to me and I've always wanted to help students learn."

## TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

## FIVE UNIVERSAL GOALS

1. Provide **optimal learning environments** to all learners
2. Approach all people with an **inclusive mindset**
3. Foster a **culture of wellness**
4. Develop **leadership skills** among all members of the school community
5. Determined **focus on First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success**

# MHPSD, WHERE KIDS COUNT!

## NEXT BOARD MEETING – DEC 8, 2020

**5:30 p.m.** Board meetings will be held virtually by zoom until further notice.

To request a link to the virtual meeting email [joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:joni.treen@sd76.ab.ca)