

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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## Board Highlights

From December 14 meeting

For Immediate Release

### Annual School Operational Viability Study

The Board received information related to the ongoing viability of school operations in Sunset House and Sangudo. In accordance with Board Policy 15 – School Operational Viability, administration reported details on student enrolment, programming, average per pupil spending, facility operations and student transportation operations should the Board seek to close Sunset House School or discontinue high school programming in Sangudo.

The Board accepted the report indicating that all options are still under consideration. The issue will be revisited again at the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regular Board meeting.

### Onoway High School Field Trip

The Board approved in principle the Onoway High School Honours Band for a field trip to Richmond, B.C., to participate in the 2011 MusicFest National Band Festival from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. During the weeklong event MusicFest will bring together more than 10,000 of Canada's finest young musicians. The objectives of MusicFest Canada are:

- to provide an opportunity for students and educators from across Canada and elsewhere to meet and to demonstrate and to share their musical achievements and creativity;
- to evaluate and reflect on musical achievement and creativity in a constructive and educationally focused way;
- to encourage the study and performance of music written and arranged by Canadian composers;
- to complement and enhance the teaching, learning and growing process and
- to foster and promote a lifelong interest in music as a basic human experience.

## 2011-2012 School Calendar

· The 2011-2012 School Calendar was approved by trustees at their December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 regular Board meeting.

## · Christmas Lunch

· Northern Gateway Division Office staff and the Board of Trustees enjoyed a lunch together to celebrate the Christmas season.

· Retiring school board members Maureen Wilcox and Sharron Aasland attended the luncheon where they were presented with gifts for their dedicated service. Kim Priest was unable to attend the luncheon, and will receive her gift at a later date.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (780) 778-2800 or toll free at 1-800-262-8674.

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