

# Northern Gateway Public Schools

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Board Highlights

From September 28 meeting

For Immediate Release

## School Board Elections

Attached is the Official Results of the Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 School Board Election Nominations for 2010.

· School Boards play a vital role in the education of our children. Boards make decisions about how education is delivered locally and directly impact the development of children and the communities as a whole. The School Board elections are a great opportunity for citizens to get involved in public education – by voting for a school trustee.

**Advance voting** will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, AD., 2010 and on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, AD., 2010 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The Voting Stations will be located at:

### **Ward 3 – Electoral Subdivision No. 1**

Poll No. 1  
Fox Creek School  
Fox Creek, Alberta

### **Ward 3 – Electoral Subdivision No. 3**

Poll No. 2  
Instructional Media Centre (IMC)  
Hillside High School  
Valleyview, Alberta

**Election Day voting** will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The Voting Stations will be located at:

### **Ward 3 – Electoral Subdivision No. 1**

Poll No. 3  
Fox Creek School  
Fox Creek, Alberta

### **Ward 3 – Electoral Subdivision No. 3**

Poll No. 4  
Valleyview Memorial Hall  
4810 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Valleyview, Alberta

## Hilltop Humanitarian Society

· Two members of the Hilltop Humanitarian Society, Jodi Rosvold and Martyn Chapman, presented to the Board a brief overview of their visit to the Masulita Children's Village in Uganda. The group lived in the village with the orphans, sharing food and chores. The group also worked in the wider community helping at a school and in the medical centre.

Hilltop Humanitarian Society sends \$500.00 US every month (in 3 month installments) directly and this helps the orphans of MCV. The Humanitarian Group has provided UWESO with funds to accomplish the following:

- School fees and requirements
- Hilltop Visit expenses
- Groceries
- Children's outing
- Transport and Day allowances for staff and drivers
- Fundraising and meetings
- Home operations including bank charges.

The project has so far registered enormous successes in all of the areas of concern as well as tangible and sustainable results in the lives of the vulnerable children both in school and at the home.

## Learning Services Presentation

Sarah Healy, Coordinator of Learning Services (Student Services) presented to the Board her Student Services report.

### *Code 40 Students:*

To ensure accuracy of files for funding requirements in the 2010-2011 school year, Sarah has been reviewing all code 40 severe needs files to ensure they meet the requirements outlined by Alberta Education in the Severe Disabilities Handbook. To date Northern Gateway's code 40 numbers are at 181.5 severe needs students.

### *Code 50 Students:*

Copies of IPPs for students with mild or moderate disabilities are required at Student Services for review by November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### *Eye See Eye Learn:*

Parent packages will be distributed to elementary schools for pre-school and kindergarten programs October, 2010. Ensure parents are aware of this information and documentation put into cumulative records.

*Student Health Partnership Services:*

Services with Peace Country Health Partnership and Aspen Health Partnership are established and providers are contacting schools. The Student Health Partnerships provide supports in Northern Gateway Schools for speech, occupational therapy, and emotional behavior needs. Surveys were completed last year by parents, staff and providers and the summary will be placed on the Student Services webpage to look at the specific information.

*Khan Communications SLP Services:*

Khan Communications Inc. Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs) have contacted all schools to begin services and programming support for students and staff. Khan also provides supports to schools for occupational therapy needs.

*Early Childhood Development (ECD) Mapping Project:*

The ECD Mapping Project is a 5-year research project that will give Alberta school authorities, communities and parents a comprehensive range of information on children's development prior to kindergarten. This project is funded by Alberta Education and supports the Minister's priority to increase broad-based supports and early intervention initiatives for at-risk children to improve their learning outcomes. More information can be found at [www.ecdmappingalberta.ca](http://www.ecdmappingalberta.ca)

*Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVC):*

The first two Non-Violent Crisis Training workshops have been set for November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*SIVA (Safety Interventions for Violence and Aggression):*

SIVA is an intervention training program that is being promoted through Complex Needs and focuses on proactive intervention strategies as opposed to reactive interventions. The training is being held on November 4-5, 2010 in Mayerthopre.

The next regular Board meeting will take place Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10 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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