

**Elk Island Public Schools
Trustee Report
Ray Welsh**

November, 2009

1. Superintendent Resignation

Mr. Egbert Stang has resigned as Superintendent of Elk Island Public Schools to pursue other opportunities. The board accepted his resignation and we sincerely thank Mr. Stang for the services he provided to the division during his three years with us.

Mr. Bruce Beliveau will serve as acting superintendent in the interim. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and we thank the jurisdiction's staff for their support and continued focus on providing a quality education to the 16,000 students we serve.

2. Audit of Elk Island Financial Statements

Ernst and Young presented their Audit of Elk Island Public Schools Financial statements. No irregularities or issues presented themselves during the course of this audit and it was determined that the accounting and financial affairs of Elk Island Public Schools were in order.

3. Technoganza

Technoganza, which was a showcase of new instructional technology available to the teachers and schools within Elk Island Public Schools, was held on October 28 at Lakeland Ridge School. Many of the exciting advances in technology, which will have a huge impact on EIPS AISI goals and on the instructional techniques of teachers within the system, were featured.

4. H1N1 Update

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) continues to work with government and health agencies to monitor influenza in our schools. The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. We continue to reinforce frequent hand washing, proper respiratory etiquette, and asking parents to keep their ill children at home to limit the transmission of influenza.

Recent Updates

- Installed hand sanitizer dispensers in all schools at entrances and in front of

areas where students and staff use shared equipment (e.g., gymnasiums, computer labs, libraries, etc.).

- Updated district Cleaning Guidelines for Infection Control for custodial contractors.
- Distributed additional **hand washing resources** for children, parents, and teachers.
- Established Pandemic Business Impact Analysis and Succession of Delegation for Critical Function templates for all schools and departments - due to Human Resources by November 20.

Vaccinations

Given a positive resolution to the national vaccine shortage, and good uptake of vaccine among the highest-risk groups previously announced, Alberta's H1N1 immunization program will expand to include all members of the public starting Monday, Nov. 23.

Current status

Students returned to class on Monday after a week-long fall break. The November break appears to have assisted in reducing the transmission of illness in our schools. For November 16 to 18, EIPS' schools reported the following numbers:

Monday, November 16

- No schools reported absences due to illness of 10 per cent or greater.

Tuesday, November 17

- No schools reported absences due to illness of 10 per cent or greater.

Wednesday, November 18

- No schools reported absences due to illness of 10 per cent or greater.

5.School Calendar

Approval was given to the 2010-2011 school calendar as attached to this report. It is based on a model approved by the board and closely resembles the calendar used for the current school year. The only revision was the inclusion of May 19 as a school closure day which was necessary to balance the first and second semester in total operational and instructional days. This calendar fully meets mandated instructional time requirements of Alberta Education.

6.School Enrollment

As of September 30, 2009 student enrolment in Elk Island Schools was 16,327 which is an increase of 124 students over the count in September 2008.



Proposed Calendar
2010-2011

August 2010						
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- Instructional day (Schools open)
- Schools closed to students, collaborative team time, staff professional development
- Statutory Holidays, Christmas, Spring & Fall Breaks (Schools closed)
- Days-in-lieu of interviews (Schools closed)
- First and last instructional day

- Aug 30 First full day of school for students
- Sept 6 Labour Day
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 8, 9 & 10 Fall Break
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Dec 18 Start of Christmas break
- Jan 3 School reopens
- Feb 1 Second semester begins ☆
- Feb 10 & 11 Teachers' Convention
- Feb 21 Family Day
- Mar 26 Start of Spring Break
- April 4 School reopens
- April 22 Good Friday
- April 25 Easter Monday
- May 23 Victoria Day
- June 29 Last day of school for students

Note: Diplomas Jan 12-28, June 13-29/11

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