October Monthly Report from Your School Trustee:

I trust that you all had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends and that you are enjoying our wonderful fall weather.

Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown replacement school. – We are working with our MLA‘s and the Minister of Education on the planning of this project. We have heard that a number of schools are all grouped together for construction using a P3 model. We are arguing against using a P3 model as we have community partners who wish to join with us in the construction and that would not be possible with a P3 model.

A public engagement session was held at F R Haythorne involving moving all grade 6 students from Brentwood to attend Haythorne for grade 7 to 9 thus not splitting up friend groups.

Salisbury High - we have set up the funding from our reserves to replace the stormwater sewer system as there have been many floods over the years as the sewer system is insufficient to handle the volume of water from the roof over the next three years we hope to replace all of the sewer pipe which runs under the School and through the parking lot which is currently 4 inches to a 12 inch size connecting with the County.

We conducted our annual board review with a consultant last week and the board is operating very well according to provincial legislation and are according to policies and procedures. Even with a new members the level of trust and satisfaction is very high.

The enrolment in the district is up to 17,460 students.

I would encourage parents and caregivers to look at the free online education seminars offered by the Alberta Association of School Council. The link is <https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.albertaschoolcouncils.ca%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7CNatalie.Pathirana%40eips.ca%7C1feece6b2a19420db98908daad49002b%7C9e47afea5e5740c38443f2df4a2f4b3f%7C0%7C0%7C638012826282763601%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=qGPJEdeIN%2FApL72XplP5L50A5uMDhYt8YSZjhl2AM0Y%3D&amp;reserved=0>.

Also each School Council gets a $500 per year grant which they can use which you can use individually or combine it with others at the Committee of School Councils (COSC) to put on education seminars for the parents.

Upcoming dates to note November 4 is the date for Remembrance Day services at all schools.

I would ask schools to let me know when their awards nights and concerts are as I would be delighted to attend these events.

Another important upcoming event is a Career Fair for high school students October 19 and 6 to 8 PM at the Agora Center.

The next public meeting of Elk Island Public School’s is on Thursday, October 20 and the agenda and discussion items are on the EIPS website on Monday, 17 October.
One of the topics will be the proposed School Calendars for the next two years. If you have questions after reading the  agenda on Monday please call and I can answer those questions or get them answered at the meeting.

Also upcoming this month is the EIPS French Immersion review on October 26 Thursday at 5:30.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Logos information meeting  last Thursday and the attendance review for families in Summerwood.

Thanks  to all schools who attended the Committee of School Councils (COSC). This meeting is held The first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the board office (Clover Bar and Wye Road). Please plan a representative attend as there is much useful information for School Councils.

Thanks to the staff at Sherwood Heights for the invitation for the board to visit your wellness day last Thursday. The event was very well planned and operated and there were many and there were many interesting topics for students on mental health physical health.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions os suggestions. My email is don.irwin@eips.ca and my cell 587-986-3900.