

HPSD BOARD ADVOCACY POINTS

OVERVIEW

The High Prairie School Division Board of Trustees approved their 2024 advocacy points. Located on our website, these points include the objective and background to inform efforts when liaising with the government. Each of the four primary advocacy points are highlighted below.

1. PROVIDING TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Objective - HPSD students can access the necessary mental health services in our communities in a timely manner. Currently, local services are not always accessible to our students due to lack of personnel or programming of services in our region.

High Prairie School Division will advocate to facilitate mental health supports for students in collaboration with parents, families and service providers.

2. PRESERVING LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Objective - To protect and respect the autonomy of democratically elected trustees so they can carry out their legally defined role while addressing their region's unique local and societal context.

3. SUPPORTING RURAL ALBERTA

Objective - To ensure that rural Alberta educational services are adequately supported so that equitable services are provided for ALL Alberta students.

Points to Consider:

How is this government improving the following:

1. Access to supports and services
2. Incentives for living in rural Alberta
3. Inflationary and sky-rocketing utility prices

4. IMPROVING MEANINGFUL CROSS-MINISTRY/LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Objective - To improve relations and efficiencies between school authorities and government departments and local governments. HPSD is excited to see red-tape reduction and cross-ministry collaboration in order to provide service to students in the most efficient and seamless way possible.

Points to Consider:

1. How are you supporting cross-ministry/local government relations?
2. What should this cross-ministry collaboration look like for school divisions? How do we help make this collaboration better and stronger?
3. Where do we send people who require urgent mental health care?