

September 2026

Board Highlights



Here's a look at the key discussions, decisions and celebrations from the Northwest School Division Board of Education's August meeting.

Delegation – Brad Lejeune – NWHSA President

The Board welcomed Brad Lejeune, President of the North West High School Athletics Association, who provided an update on high school athletics across the region. The North West District connects five leagues and 41 schools, including 12 independent First Nations schools, and organizes a minimum of 23 championships each year.

Developing and recruiting officials continues to be a priority, with support for the Green Whistle Initiative and officials' clinics. This year, NWHSA also recognized Sam Dawson with the Service Award, Dave Pero with the Officials Award, Christine Thiessen with the Female Coach Award and Brad Lejeune with the Male Coach Award. Two provincial volleyball events are also scheduled within NWSD this year: 3A Girls' Volleyball in Maidstone and 4A Boys' Volleyball at Carpenter High School.

Delegation – Todd Forbes – Supervisor of Technology

The Board received an update from Todd Forbes, Supervisor of Technology, on cybersecurity, privacy, technology infrastructure and the IT department's alignment with the Division Strategic Plan. Recent work has focused on strengthening multi-factor authentication, security monitoring, information-sharing controls and technology lifecycle planning.

Looking ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, the department plans to undertake vulnerability and penetration testing, a server hardware refresh, accessibility planning and further documentation of technology and cybersecurity risk controls. The department continues to focus on providing reliable services that support teaching and learning while managing rising equipment costs, increasing service demands and deferred infrastructure replacements.

Trustee Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Barb Seymour, trustee representing the city of Meadow Lake. Barb was first elected to the former Meadow Lake School Division board in 2000. She served more than 24 years as a trustee, and the board thanks her for her many years of service and dedication to public education.

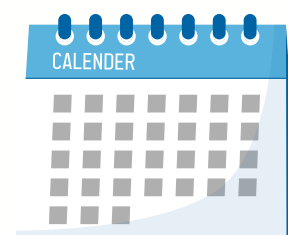
A by-election will be held to fill the vacancy, with details to be finalized at the October Board meeting. In the interim, Vaughn Bellin will serve as the trustee representative for NWHSAA, while Kristen MacGowan will fill the position on the Board PD Committee.

Lloydminster Busing Agreement

The Board passed a motion to accept the updated busing agreement involving Lloydminster Public and Lloydminster Catholic School Divisions. Some finalization of the agreement language between the parties may still be required, and if so, will be brought to a future meeting.

November Board Meeting Date

The date of the November regular Board meeting has been changed to Thursday, November 26.



Director's Report

The September Director's Report focused on creating a strong start to the 2026-27 school year through connection, collaboration and support for student success. Highlights included strengthening relationships with schools and community partners, supporting student transitions and well-being, investing in early literacy learning, addressing staffing needs, aligning school planning with division priorities, and finding new ways to share the stories and successes of students, staff and alumni.

You can always catch up on the latest Director activities on the Director Blog - [Around the Division with Jennifer Williamson](#).

Celebrations

A round up of celebrations from the past month across the school division.

Student Spotlight

NWSD has launched a new [Student Spotlight](#) to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of students from across the division. Staff are nominating deserving students, whose stories will be shared through [NWSD social media](#) throughout the school year. The first Student Spotlight has already been posted, with many more to come.



Goodsoil Receives Grant from Innovation Credit Union

Goodsoil Central School received a \$5,000 grant from Innovation Credit Union to purchase a mobile ViewBoard. The technology can be moved between classrooms, giving students throughout the school opportunities to access and benefit from it.

Teachers' Convention 2026

NWSD teachers gathered in Lashburn on August 26 for the annual Teachers' Convention. The event provided an opportunity for staff to learn together, share ideas and build momentum for the school year ahead. Thank you to the PD Committee and Lashburn staff for hosting.



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Panther of the Month

The Panther of the Month is returning to Paradise Hill School. Each month, one high school student and one elementary student will be recognized for demonstrating the school's virtues.



St. Walburg School Start Up

St. Walburg School, along with Paradise Hill School and other schools, welcomed students and families for backpack drop-off days before the start of classes. The events gave families an opportunity to meet new school administrators and bring in school supplies before the first day.

St. Walburg also held its first SCC meeting of the school year with its new administrative team, with positive feedback following the meeting and excitement for the year ahead.

Turtleford School Career Fair

Turtleford School is hosting a career fair on September 21, bringing together students from Glaslyn, Edam and Turtleford. Students will have the opportunity to connect with regional businesses and learn about potential career opportunities closer to home.

Maidstone Mock School Night

Ahead of the first day of classes, the high school in Maidstone hosted a Mock School Night to help students and families prepare for the new year. Families met staff and students spent a few minutes in each class, experiencing a preview of what their school day would look like. Staff were on hand to welcome families and help kick off the school year.

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Glaslyn Students' Summer Volleyball Success

Glaslyn Central School students Kaze, Rylan and Damion had an outstanding summer of competitive volleyball. At the Tony Cote Summer Games in North Battleford, Kaze and Rylan earned gold in beach volleyball, while Damion and his partner also won gold in their age division.

The three students then competed at the Alberta Indigenous Games with Team Air, a Saskatchewan elite team, going undefeated through 10 matches and bringing home another gold medal. Kaze added another gold as a member of a co-ed beach volleyball team.



New Specialized Support Model in Meadow Lake

NWSD is adding a second Specialized Support Classroom this school year, shared between Jubilee and Lakeview Elementaries in Meadow Lake. Before students returned to school, staff from both schools participated in professional learning focused on supporting students with intensive needs and building capacity for the specialized classroom.

Student Services Delivers In-House PD

NWSD Student Services professionals, including Occupational Therapists, Educational Psychologists, Speech-Language Pathologists and Counsellors, provided professional development to a number of teaching staff groups during school start-up week. Their expertise provided learning opportunities for staff as they prepared for the new school year.