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Meeting Date: November 29, 2022

## Highlight 1: 2022-2023 Board Leadership

### Key Messages:

Each November the Board of Education holds an organizational meeting where trustees nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair to lead the Board. Glen Winkler, who represents the city of Meadow Lake, was acclaimed as Chair. Glen has held the Chair position since 2019. Bev Josuttis-Harland, who represents St. Walburg, Paradise Hill and Frenchman Butte, was acclaimed as the Vice Chair of the Board. This will be Bev's first time serving as Vice Chair.

## Highlight 2: Transportation Department

### Key Messages:

The transportation department manages all bus services in Northwest School Division. NWSD operates 99 regular bus routes, transporting more than 2700 students daily.

The longest route traveled by a NWSD bus drives the equivalent distance of going from Turtleford, SK to Edmonton, AB every day.

The total daily route kilometers driven is equal to driving from Vancouver, BC to Halifax, NS, then returning to Vancouver, BC and then driving to Quebec!

Annually, the kilometers driven on our bus routes are the equivalent traveling Earth's circumference 73 times, or doing four round trips to the Moon and back.

Bus Drivers are critical to student success in NWSD. They provide safe transport to and from school for a significant portion of students. Bus Drivers also help schools with transportation to special events like sports, field trips and other activities.

Thank you, Bus Drivers!

NWSD is always looking for Spare Bus Drivers, in all areas of the school division, to help cover travel to events, and provide coverage for when regular Bus Drivers are away. Contact our Transportation Department for details on how to become a Bus Driver – we provide training!

## Highlight 3: SHSAA Provincial Volleyball Competition

The Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association recently wrapped up the 2022 volleyball season. Volleyball is the most participated in sport for student athletes in NWSD, and teams from around the school division experienced a lot of success this season.

The Board of Education would like to acknowledge all the staff members involved in coaching, officiating and organizing competitions for NWSD athletes. Hundreds of hours

outside the classroom go into supporting students to compete at the highest level they can, and it would not be possible without the many staff dedicating their time to school sport.

Congratulations to all the teams who made it to the Provincial Championships this season:

- ~ H. Hardcastle Girls won Bronze at 1A
- ~ Lashburn Boys competed at 2A
- ~ St. Walburg Boys competed at 2A
- ~ St. Walburg Girls competed at 2A
- ~ Carpenter High Girls won Bronze at 4A
- ~ Carpenter High Boys hosted 4A and won Gold