



April 30, 2024

To: BRSD Families  
From: Rhae-Ann Holoien, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Subject: BRSD April Updates

I hope you are enjoying the spring months as we round the corner toward June and the end of the school year. As we approach the finish line, I am pleased to share some of our recent updates and student engagement pieces.

Here is a [parent resource](#) that will provide a better understanding of Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum. You will also find more helpful information about your child(ren)'s education.

Summer school programming is being finalized. Please watch for updates on the [BRACE website](#).

Forestburg student, Sean, visited our new BRSD office and helped with [radio advertising](#) as well as this [video](#) to share appreciation and gratitude for bus drivers, principals and assistant principals as May approaches. I am thankful for Sean's time and participation in sharing our appreciation.

Bus registration opened on April 17 and will remain open until June 27. The shift to this earlier registration window will allow for more timely notification of student bus assignments. We are excited to register students for busing. Please register [here](#) or visit our [website](#) for more information.

While we plan for another new school year, I want to share information about our French Immersion programming and the numerous advantages of this meaningful educational experience in which students learn in an environment that fosters bilingualism and cultural appreciation. Please find our media release [here](#).

Our Grade 12 Farewell celebrations are soon to begin. I want to personally congratulate all of our graduates and wish them much success for their future endeavors. As well, a huge thank you to all the parents, guardians, staff and community members who have supported these students along the way.

BRSD is recruiting host families for international students for the 2024-25 school year. International students are applying to come and join your local school from many different countries and need wonderful families to welcome them. Host families receive a generous stipend of \$800 per month to offset expenses. Students stay in Canada anywhere from three months to a full year. We welcome any type of family unit to participate in our program. If you are interested, please email [homestay@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:homestay@brsd.ab.ca) or visit our website at <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/international-students/homestay>.

I want to thank you for providing feedback for our next Education Plan. We will finalize this plan in May which goes to the Board for approval.

Enjoy the sunshine and great weather!

Rhae-Ann Holoien  
Superintendent of Schools