

Media Release

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta strikes gold with new member board from Black Gold School Division

June 9, 2025 (Edmonton, AB) — The Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) is very pleased to welcome its newest public school board member to the Association: Black Gold School Division (BGSD). “the trustees recognized the value of having another avenue for advocacy and access to the excellent professional development opportunities provided by PSBAA,” says Esther Eckert, the Board Chair of Black Gold School Division. “We’re pleased to renew our relationship with the PSBAA.”

Since 1995, BGSD has been providing quality education within safe, caring and welcoming environments in the communities of Beaumont, Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Leduc County, New Sarepta, Thorsby and Warburg.

“We’re very pleased to have Black Gold School Division rejoin the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta,” says Dennis MacNeil, the President of PSBAA. “We’re stronger together and every member counts in our effort to strengthen public schools in Alberta.”

BGSD serves more than 13,500 students from Early Childhood Services to Grade 12 in 32 schools. Approximately 768 teachers deliver instruction with the help of 603 support staff.

The school division offers an extensive range of programs, including French Immersion, Christian, off-campus education, dual credit, extensive career and technology studies and career and technology foundations courses, the Registered Apprenticeship Program, and more to students in BGSD’s inclusive learning environments.

BGSD also provides many extracurricular opportunities in all its schools, such as music, drama, special-interest clubs, athletics, active citizenship and so on. Collectively, these offer an educational experience that supports the development of the skills and knowledge students need to succeed as they move beyond high school into post-secondary education or the workforce.

To learn more about the school division, visit the [BGSD website](#). To learn more about the Association and its members, see the [PSBAA website](#).

*The **Public School Boards' Association of Alberta** is the voice of public school boards in the province. We believe public schools are the first choice in our communities, where children can go to learn and live the values of democracy together, reflecting our hope, and shaping the future of our communities.*

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