



MEMORANDUM

Date: 03 May 2011

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tim Monds, Superintendent

Originator: Emilie Keane, Associate Superintendent

Subject: **Division Priorities for the 2011-2014 Education Plan**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees approves the Division's Priorities for the 2011-2014 Education Plan as presented at the Regular meeting of 03 May 2011.

Background

Parkland School Division's Education Plan is the document which guides the strategic plans for the Division and Schools for the ensuing three year period. Giving direction to the development of the Education Plan are the Division's Priorities. A Board Education Planning session was held in January 2011 with Trustees, LEAD Team, teachers, ATA representation, and senior executives. Over the two day planning session, priorities were reaffirmed and articulated in a shortened version. A third priority was added as a result of the planning session and the recent Board System Review.

The draft Parkland School Division Three-Year Education Plan will be presented at the 14 June 2011 Board meeting.

Parkland School Division is currently awaiting the Accountability Pillar results to be released during the first two weeks of May 2011. These results will be included in the draft Education Plan.

Administration would be pleased to respond to any questions.



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Division Priorities:

- Developmentally responsive curriculum and effective assessment
- Citizenship and Social Responsibility
- Strategic system planning

Brief explanation of the Division Priorities:

Developmentally Responsive Practices/Curriculum:

- *Developmentally responsive practices / curriculum focuses on understanding who the learner is in regards to their developmental needs and matching appropriate programming and effective teaching practices that best support the learner. The ultimate goal is to enable the learner to successfully engage in his/her learning and to succeed at high levels.*

Citizenship and Social Responsibility:

- *Citizen and Social Responsibility focuses on the development of student knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to collaborate and participate in a global society. The ultimate goal is to develop students become respectful, active and ethical citizens in their schools and communities today and prepared to be successful adult citizens in tomorrow's world.*

Strategic System Planning:

- *This is a Board of Trustees focused priority that aligns the strategic work plan of Trustees with the Division's Three Year Education Plan and the governance leadership needs of the Division*