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### **STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2013 AND BUDGET 2010-2011**

Prairie Valley School Division has set goals and outcomes for the upcoming three years, and is in a strong and stable financial position to support those goals.

The Strategic Plan is a product of a series of public and staff consultations held throughout May and June 2010. The Plan also incorporates research and work by the Board and senior administration, aligning with the Ministry of Education's Continuous Improvement Framework for school divisions.

The Plan includes five goals and several outcomes for each of those goals, ranging from improved student behavior and attendance, to successful post-secondary transitions to a balanced program of capital upgrades and facility modernizations.

"Our Board is committed to listening to our stakeholders and working together to achieve what is in the best interest of all Prairie Valley students," says Board Chair Ed Geall. "By consulting with the communities and staff, we believe our Plan reflects their needs and wishes."

"Our Strategic Plan will improve student achievement, provide equity in programming opportunities across the Division, and maintain an excellent level of support services," says Ben Grebinski, Director of Education. "In addition, our budget for 2010-2011 allocates over \$94 million to support these educational programs and services."

The \$94.8 million budget for 2010-2011 was prepared based on Ministry of Education guidelines and complies with Public Sector Accounting Board standards.

Two key priorities in the budget were the investment in people and the investment in infrastructure. This includes expanded programming in Practical and Applied Arts on a magnet basis for schools in Wolseley, Grenfell, Cupar, Lipton, Broadview, Kipling and Whitewood. As well, more funding has been spent on additional staffing to allow a broader range of programs in smaller high schools, more itinerant teacher librarians for elementary schools, and additional educational assistants to support large kindergarten classes.

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The capital budget provides for an ambitious, multi-year capital renewal program that will include the final stage of a modernization project at Balcarres Community School, planning, renovation and modernization work at Vibank Regional School and Kipling School, and continued planning for a second elementary school in White City.

The Division will also be purchasing more technology such as computers, Smart Boards, and mobile computer notebook carts.

Both the Strategic Plan 2010-2013 and the Budget 2010-2011 are available at [www.pvsd.ca](http://www.pvsd.ca) under Governance and Reporting.

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*Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,000 students in 38 schools throughout southeast Saskatchewan. In support of the vision "Leadership in Learning and Life", the Division strives to ensure a high-quality education that provides students with the tools to reach and exceed their potential.*

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