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### **STRATEGIC PLAN SETS DIRECTION FOR PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION**

Building on the successful completion of the 2010-13 Strategic Plan, Prairie Valley School Division has developed and released their 2013-17 Strategic Plan, setting the direction Division-wide for the next four years.

The Strategic Plan identifies five priorities to best support Prairie Valley students. These priorities are: Higher Literacy and Achievement, Equitable Opportunities, Smooth Transitions, and System Accountability and Governance and Effective, Responsive and Efficient Support Services.

“This plan clearly reflects the needs of our staff, students, and communities while also providing a framework for moving forward on the four priority areas set by Government,” said Board Chair Janet Kotylak. “As a Board, we are committed to being responsive to our communities to ensure the best possible outcomes for students. This plan successfully aligns our community needs within the provincial context.”

Stakeholder engagement plays an important role in the development of the plan. Staff, students, members of the public and the First Nations and Métis Advisory Council were consulted through discussion sessions, meetings, and surveys.

“In Prairie Valley School Division we are focused on growing children, not just scores,” says Ben Grebinski, Director of Education. “Our 2013-17 Strategic Plan is the product of collaboration, and a dedication to the measured growth of our students and school communities.”

“As an Administrator I’m excited at the prospect of working with this new direction,” said Julie Stiglitz, Principal of Kelliher School. “This Strategic Plan truly supports teachers and the staff that are on the ground by providing strategies that have come directly from the teachers and students the plan seeks to support.”

The 2013-14 Budget was released in concert with the Strategic Plan. Prairie Valley School Division’s budget allocates \$102 million to deliver education services and supports to 38 schools across 27,000 square kilometres.

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Prairie Valley School Division remains committed to putting the needs of students first. The budget illustrates that commitment by directing maximum resources into the classroom and other frontline services. The Instruction and Complimentary Services categories of spending, which include all school-based and central staff involved in delivery of the education program, as well as community supports, family support workers and Prekindergarten programs, amount to \$71.9 million.

Infrastructure renewal continues to be a priority, with capital spending totaling \$14.6 million for information technology hardware upgrades, furniture and equipment, school bus fleet renewal and the completion of three major facility projects at the Education Centre, Emerald Ridge Elementary School and Lumsden Elementary School.

Both the Strategic Plan 2013-17 and the Budget 2013-14 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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