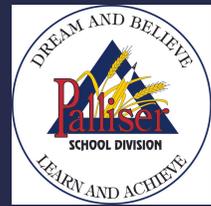


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The Naming of Coaldale School

Palliser School Division's Board of Trustees has officially chosen 'Coaldale Prairie Winds Secondary' as the name for the new school.

The name elements were proposed by the community at large through submissions on an engagement website. A panel of members from the Coaldale school community helped refine the ideas, and the Board of Trustees considered this to be the most fitting choice.

The school will serve students in Grades 7-12. There will also be a grade reconfiguration for the other two Palliser School Division schools: R.I. Baker School will serve Grades 4-6, and Jennie Emery Elementary School will cater to Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Palliser School Division believes that having a name for the new school will not only provide a sense of identity but also generate excitement and a stronger connection within our community. The school is set to open its doors to students in the 2024/2025 school year.



Early Learning Report

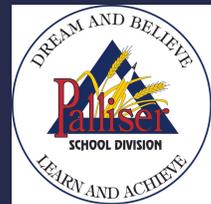
Palliser School Division's Early Learning program currently supports 226 children. These programs, often a child's first experience with school, are designed to offer rich learning environments. They are particularly beneficial for children who need assistance with language development or have other identified needs that benefit from early intervention.

This year, enrollment numbers are higher than projected, with many parents reporting high satisfaction with the programs. Unfortunately, there has been a decrease in funding and support for critical services such as speech and occupational therapy, as well as family-oriented programs. This is concerning, especially given the increasing need for speech therapy support.



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International Program Report

The international program continues to expand. This year, the program will facilitate five reciprocal exchanges with Spain. The Spanish students have already completed their 5-week visit. In March, five students from RI Baker and Kate Andrews will travel to Spain for their part of the exchange.

The Division is enhancing the program's growth with the addition of an Activities Coordinator, a Homestay Coordinator and a Primary Student Transporter to assist our Program Coordinator. These roles will help foster connections between students, host families, and schools, and assist in integrating the students into their temporary homes abroad.

The International Program continues to provide our students and schools with a window to and connection with the world.



Facilities Report

All schools have had new camera and doorbell systems installed. This crucial step will enhance school safety by allowing office staff to clearly identify individuals requesting access. This year, the facilities team will conduct assessments of Palliser schools to anticipate any significant future work that will need to be budgeted.

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The next regular Board Meeting will be on January 16, 2024