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WCPS Board and Blackfalds Town Council affirm close partnership on shared advocacy

Blackfalds — Wolf Creek Public Schools' (WCPS) Board of Trustees and the Town of Blackfalds Town Council are reaffirming their commitment to shared advocacy initiatives important to education and the community of Blackfalds.

Meeting in April, the Board and Council discussed ongoing advocacy in regards to both municipal and school division priorities, highlighted by the need for a replacement public elementary school in Blackfalds.

"This is a top priority for Wolf Creek's Board. As projections continue to point toward growth for the town, a new school for Iron Ridge Elementary Campus (IREC) is needed. Staff at the school and Division level do a tremendous job to provide a wonderful learning environment at IREC, but there are deficiencies that can only be addressed through a replacement school," said Luci Henry, WCPS Board Chair. "We know how valuable a partnership with the Town Council has been in advocating for schools in Blackfalds, and we are excited to have had the opportunity to strengthen that partnership."

Town Council also provided an update on projects and initiatives, focusing on Eagle Builders Centre, Border Paving Plaza, and Civic Centre renovations.

"Blackfalds Town Council is incredibly grateful for the close relationship that we maintain with the Wolf Creek School Division and its Board of Trustees. Our priorities align very closely, and we work in lockstep towards getting the funding and facilities to serve the expanding needs for our students and public schools in Blackfalds," shared Jamie Hoover, Mayor of the Town of Blackfalds. "The High School that will begin construction in the coming weeks was desperately needed for years and came as a result of a combined effort. We are now setting our sights on meeting the needs of our current elementary level students and the growing number we expect in the future by seeking a replacement for IREC."

The meeting also focused on the upcoming education budget, new curriculum, a joint use agreement, updates on the new Blackfalds High School, and current grade configuration and boundary review.

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