



## MEMORANDUM

March 5, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting

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| <b>TO</b>                   | Board of Trustees   |
| <b>FROM</b>                 | Board of Trustees   |
| <b>ORIGINATOR</b>           | Eric Cameron, Trustee<br>Jill Osborne, Trustee  |
| <b>RESOURCE</b>             | Cathy Traynor, Health and Wellness Facilitator<br>Dianne Brown, Rotary Club of Spruce Grove<br>John Oldham, Rotary Club of Spruce Grove |
| <b>GOVERNANCE POLICY</b>    | Board Policy 2: Role of the Board<br>Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent  |
| <b>ADDITIONAL REFERENCE</b> | BP 2: Safe and Caring Environment<br>BP 2: Supports and Services<br>Alberta School Board Association of Alberta                         |
| <b>SUBJECT</b>              | <b>FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION</b>  |

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### PURPOSE

For approval. Recommendation required.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees nominates the Spruce Grove Rotary Community Partners Society for the Friends of Education Award sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association, in recognition of their dedication and fundamental contribution to student education.

### BACKGROUND

The Board “provides, where prudent to do so, recognition to students staff, trustees and community members and organizations” (BP 2: Safe and Caring Environment) and “develops ongoing relationships with government, school and system leaders, families and community partners to strengthen and renew their understanding, skills and abilities to create flexible and responsive learning environments” (BP 2: Supports and Services). This recommendation is in response to these responsibilities.

**REPORT SUMMARY**

As a community partner, The Spruce Grove Rotary Community Partners Society helps ensure Parkland School Division (PSD) students have access to nutritious food while at school. Their efforts support healthy physical and cognitive development, and promote improved focus, attendance, and social well-being in students. This in turn, contributes to better learning outcomes and reduces achievement gaps.

Through our partnership with the Spruce Grove Rotary Community Partners Society, which includes volunteers from both Spruce Grove and Stony Plain Rotary Clubs, schools can access bagged lunches twice per week. This program continues to grow year after year, thanks to countless Rotarians and volunteers and in huge part to the vision and organizational oversight provided by the Rotary's Dianne Brown and PSD's Health and Wellness Facilitator Cathy Traynor. For the 2023-2024 school year, this program will be supporting students at 18 school sites through the construction and delivery of a minimum of 700 bagged lunches per week.

Lunches are jointly funded through the Rotarians and Parkland School Division (through the Alberta Education Nutrition Grant and President Choice Children's Charity), and supported by St. Andrew's Church, local grocers, and volunteers.

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