



MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

TO	Board of Trustees
FROM	Board of Trustees
ORIGINATOR	Eric Cameron, Trustee
GOVERNANCE POLICY	Board Policy 2: Role of the Board Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE	BP 2: Safe and Caring Environment BP 2: Supports and Services Public School Boards' Association of Alberta
SUBJECT	SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION

PURPOSE

For approval. A recommendation is required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees nominates the Spruce Grove Rotary Community Partners Society for the Special Contribution to Public Education Award sponsored by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, in recognition of their dedication and fundamental contribution to students and public 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 from the 'Community Pantry' 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 Program Lead Dianne Brown. Lunches are jointly funded through the Rotarians and Parkland School Division (through the Alberta Education Nutrition Grant) and supported by St. Andrew's Church and volunteers. For the 2024-2025 school year, we are accessing approximately 850 lunches per week. Bagged lunches are delivered to school sites without a fee to students for schools in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Wabamun and Duffield.

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