



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting | September 10, 2018

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2x0WWdz>



## Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Annual Report

While most students will attend and successfully complete secondary school, a small number of students are at risk of leaving school early for a variety of reasons. The Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) program provides Grand Erie students (aged 14-17) who have significant attendance difficulties with an alternative learning experience. The SAL program provides individualized learning plans, allowing students to progress towards obtaining their Ontario Secondary School Diploma or other educational/life goals, where possible. Once approved for SAL, each student's plan consists of more than one of the following activities: credit courses (regular day

school, e-Learning, cooperative education, Credit Recovery), part-time or full-time employment, volunteering, counselling, earning a certificate or participating in training for a specific job, or developing job-search skills.

On Monday, Trustees received an update report on the SAL program for the 2017-18 school year. The information presented demonstrates continued success for Grand Erie students in SAL. This is a direct result of the combined efforts of families, students, school administrators, student success team members, attendance counsellors and community agencies who all assist in creating individualized SAL plans for students. To review the full report, see pages 9-12 here:

<https://bit.ly/2x0WWdz>. This report supports Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and *Success for Every Student* through the Achievement indicator and the following statements: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

## Healthy Schools Certification



## 2018-19 Ophea Healthy Schools Certification

Registration for Ophea's Healthy Schools Certification closes October 26, 2018. The program, which recognizes and celebrates school communities for promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of students, school staff and the broader community, is open to all elementary and secondary schools. Last year, seven Grand Erie schools earned certification, including five which earned gold. Ophea is a not-for-profit organization that is

led by the vision that all children and youth value and enjoy the lifelong benefits of healthy, active living. Ophea uses a point system to measure efforts by schools, aligning them with the Ministry of Education's Foundations for a Healthy School resource. For more information on Ophea's Health Schools Certification, visit: <https://bit.ly/2rmuYYU>. The Healthy Schools Certification supports Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan through the Well-Being indicator and the following statement: "We will create environments that are healthy and that recognize the well-being of mind, body, emotion and spirit of students and staff."

## Additional Items

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**Approval of minutes:** Trustees approved the minutes of the August 27, 2018 (Regular Board) meeting.

**Trustees also received the following reports:**

- Trustee Honoraria (F4)
- Enrolment Update

**The following Procedure will be shared with stakeholders for comment:**

- SO124 Animals in Schools and Worksites (including Emotional Support, Therapy, and Service Animals)

**The following Bylaw was recommended for approval:**

- Bylaw 36 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee

## Multi-Year Plan Stories

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In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent work related to the Multi-Year Plan.

### Achievement

- Principal Tottle's Summer Learning in the Land Down Under
  - <https://bit.ly/2oF8i3d>
- The Great Grand Erie Road Trip
  - <https://bit.ly/2NgqjCX>

### Equity

- Grand Erie Launches Video Series Showcasing Equity
  - <https://bit.ly/2C1RZa5>
- Grand Erie Prioritizing Equity, Embracing Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
  - <https://bit.ly/2MV4KZ3>