



# The Leader

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

January 10, 2022

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3Fgtotx>

#### GELA Annual Report

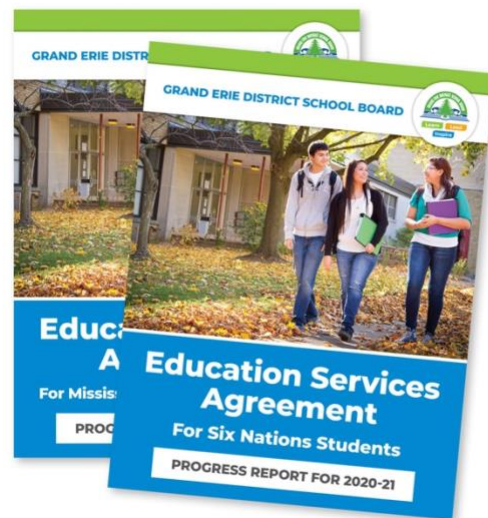
Each year, the Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) program provides Trustees with an update on how it's implementing Ministry of Education initiatives and how it's supporting and engaging all students as they strive to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma or further their individual educational needs. GELA supports a wide range of programs for students both over and under the age of 21 as well as other Ministry initiatives and programs offered to the community. To view the report, please see pages 71 – 80 here:

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#### Educational Services Agreement Annual Reports

Trustees were presented with Grand Erie's reports to Indigenous Services Canada, Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation on Monday evening. The reports feature the results of secondary school endeavours by Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Six Nations of the Grand River students during the 2020-21 school year. It also highlights student activities and a range of data available. To view the reports, please see pages 19 – 68 here:

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### Director's Report Highlights

#### BCI-Laurier Program

The BCI-Laurier program has provided positive experiential learning opportunities for students over the years. Superintendents Kevin Graham and April Smith have been in consultation with Laurier to be able to enhance and expand this program to make these opportunities available to all new Grade 9 students, as this would align with Ministry of Education direction towards de-streaming for September 2022.



**JoAnna Roberto,**  
Director of Education

#### Ontario Allowing Retired Teachers to Work More Days Amid Pandemic

The Ontario Teachers Federation and the government have come to an agreement on the extension of working days for retired teachers from 50 to 95 days, as was the case last year. This agreement lasts until June 30, 2022 and only applies to retirees filling in as teachers and principals/vice principals.

#### Added Pandemic Measures

Additional measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 are currently being implemented. N95 masks have arrived and are being distributed to all schools. The Province has sent 45 additional HEPA filters. Grand Erie schools were already in compliance with ventilation requirements following the first round of installations over the summer and fall, and these additional units are being deployed to self-contained classes and areas of higher occupancy.

New updates have made to the COVID-19 school and child-care screening tool and the COVID-19 screening tool for employees and essential visitors in schools and child-care settings. These changes are reflected on the [provincial portal](#) which staff and students are required to complete before coming to a Grand Erie facility.



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### Additional Items

**Trustees received the following reports as information:**

- Category III Trips (SO15)
- Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report
- Quarterly Budget Report (F2)
- HR118 Occasional Teacher Evaluation

**The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:**

- P01 Service Provision for Students Special Education Needs
- S0121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area

**The following Policies and Procedures were recommended for approval:**

- F4 Trustee Honoraria

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### Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, 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 the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging for each learner.

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

#### Learning

- **Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Grand Erie Prepares to Welcome the Future Class of 2036 with Registration Now Open:** <https://granderie.ca/board/news/ready-set-kindergarten-grand-erie-prepares-welcome-future-class-2036-registration-now-open>

#### Belonging

- **Grand Erie Inviting Applicants for Equity Advisory Group:** <https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/grand-erie-inviting-applicants-equity-advisory-group>