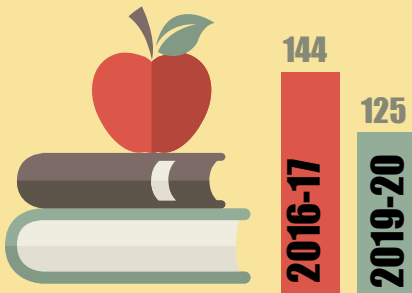


# Wolf Creek's Board of Trustees wants to hear from you and Share Your Story on your behalf

Wolf Creek Public Schools measures very high in providing Quality of Education and Safe and Caring Schools, but we know there are potential changes to education on the horizon that may impact the funding the Board has to operate schools and educate students.

We are wanting to continue our conversation with you and with the Government of Alberta to ensure **Your Child** is supported and successful. This form is an opportunity for you to **share those thoughts with us**, so we can share them with our MLAs and Government, to best advocate on your behalf.

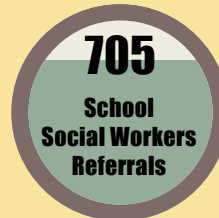
## Student Supports



### Educational Assistant support for Special Needs Students

Has declined by nearly 20 in the past three years. Additional resources that support educators and schools to provide inclusive learning have also been reduced.

## Student Mental Health



2018/19 School Social Workers in Wolf Creek Public School have made:

- 307 referrals to Alberta Health Services
- 333 referrals to Local Agencies
- 65 referrals to Children's Services

**Lack of Mental Health Access** in rural Alberta often sees **cases going to schools** for support.

**A reduction of Full-Time Social Workers in schools over the past four years.**

## Rural Funding Equity



A rural school could receive **\$40,000 less per class** (with an avg. class size of 16 students), compared to a class size with 22 students.

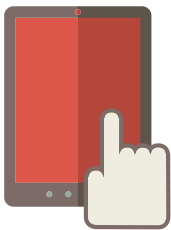


In all areas, **funding does not address changing populations in rural communities.**



All schools require **administrators, support staff and central office support** whether there are 500 or 50 students. Funding does not reflect these needs in rural schools.

## What do I do?



- Compose a short note to us about your family's story around education. What your child needs to be successful.
- Return the letter to the WCPS Division Office. Our Board is gathering stories to help best advocate on your behalf to the Government of Alberta.

## What do I write about?

- Keep it factual and short.
- Simply tell us your story. What programming and resources are needed by your child in their school and classroom? What would it mean for your child to not have access to these programs, resources and supports?
- Be constructive, as that helps us best share your story in our Board advocacy to the Government of Alberta.
- Share what you'd like, but we don't require names, just your story and experience. We will respect your privacy throughout our advocacy.

### Please fill in the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

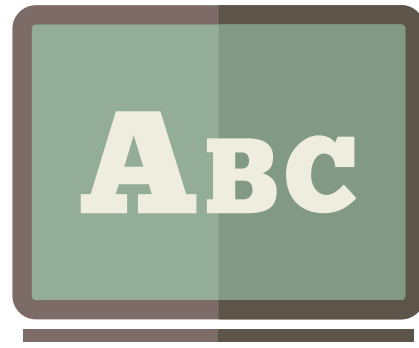
My MLA is \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your letter to:  
Wolf Creek Public Schools  
6000 Highway 2A  
Ponoka, Alberta, T4J 1P6

Or email: [wolfcreek@wolfcreek.ab.ca](mailto:wolfcreek@wolfcreek.ab.ca)



Dear Board of Trustees:  
My concerns for  
public education  
in my community  
are ...



I am a (parent, grandparent, community member,  
teacher, student):

The community my school is in is:

Sincerely,