

# UGDSB TOGETHER

*Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB*

## There's so much happening this June!

It's hard to believe it's the last month of the 2022-23 school year.

The month of June is always a busy and exciting time, and this year is no exception. June is National Indigenous History Month and learning will focus on Indigenous Arts, Knowledge & Contributions, Diverse Experiences, and Indigenous Futures. June is also Pride Month and is a great opportunity to celebrate, centre and support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and commit as a school board to continuing this important work in June and throughout the year.

## School & Board Information

### Celebrating Pride

This week, the Upper Grand District School Board and our schools across the region are kicking off Pride Month. During the month of June and throughout the year, the UGDSB supports 2SLGBTQIA+ staff, students and their families by celebrating the joy of identity and centering 2SLGBTQIA+ histories, contributions and excellence. We are committed to this work and supporting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in all of our schools, offices and school communities. UGDSB schools are hosting a variety of Pride events and celebrations, including flag raising ceremonies. Pride flags will be flown at all UGDSB school and board sites throughout June. As a public school district, we are dedicated to building understanding, safety, inclusion and joy of 2SLGBTQIA+ identity into all of our school and work communities as part of our commitment to disrupting systemic oppression and hate in all its forms. Wishing you all a wonderful Pride.

~ Ralf Mesenbrink, Chair of the Board

~ Peter Sovran, Director of Education

### Long Term Accommodation Plan Update

At the May 9, 2023, Board Meeting, Trustees received the "Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) Draft Report." The LTAP is a planning document that discusses school facilities, population projections, and enrolment projections. The LTAP is used to help guide Capital Investment, Program and Facility decisions that support the Upper Grand District School Board's Vision and Multi-Year Plan. The goal of this LTAP is to produce a list of priority areas for the Board to concentrate on in the short and long term. The Board welcomes your feedback on this process. More information on the LTAP including copies of reports and presentations can be found on the UGDSB website at [www.ugdsb.ca](http://www.ugdsb.ca).





## Protocol Update

This spring, the UGDSB and WCDSB were among sixteen community partners to sign the fourth Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Community Protocol. The VTRA Protocol is intended to be used by multi-disciplinary teams trained in the theory and practice of trauma informed threat-risk assessment through VTRA Assessment training. [Learn more!](#)

## News around the UGDSB

### Tim McGregor shares about traditional dance

Last month, Naokwegijig (Tim McGregor, above) visited classes in several Upper Grand DSB schools, to share his knowledge and teachings of jingtamok. McGregor has been involved with jingtamok, sometimes known as pow-wows, for many decades. He received teachings from Elders and Veterans over the years, and his parents and grandparents had a large influence on his traditional upbringing. [Learn more on the UGDSB website.](#)

### UGDSB Students Excel at Skills Canada

Three Upper Grand District School Board students travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba to compete in the 2023 Skills Canada National Competition, which took place between May 25 and 26. After winning gold medals at the [Provincial level of the competition](#), Centre Wellington District High School students Landon H, Mark R and Rachel D (pictured right), had the opportunity to advance to the National level of this competition. All three of these UG students worked hard during the National Skills competition and brought home gold yet again. [To read the full story, please visit the UGDSB website.](#)



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