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Creighton School Board Meeting Highlights – January 19, 2017

Learning Assistance Program

A junior learning assistance program will begin in the second semester. Under the guidance of special education coordinator, Laura-Lee Brown, and supported by educational assistants and classroom teachers, the grade 1-6 students will be provided additional supports and extra individual & small group attention that will help all students achieve the expected curriculum outcomes.

2017 Graduation Class

Principal Janel Pearson reported that there are 29 potential students in this springs graduation class. Students are preparing to write the first semester final exams on January 23-26. The Board encourages students to be well prepared so that they will be successful in demonstrated their learning.

Band Concert

Creighton Community School hosted their first band concert on January 18. The large crowd in attendance heard from all the grade 6 to 9 band ensembles. The hard work that the students have been doing was evident throughout the evening. The growth demonstrated by the grade 6 class as they started in September never playing an instrument to their performance was astounding. As each grade performed, the students' abilities continued to show in their performances which were capped off by the mass grade 8 and 9 band splendid final number. The evening also included four songs by the 'small but mighty' choral group that touched all in attendance. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the staff and parents that helped with evening. And a special thank you and congratulations to band instructor, Kim Jones, for all of her hard work.

Saskatchewan Educational Governance Panel Consultation

Trustees and senior administration staff from the Creighton Board of Education met with the appointed members of the consultation panel in La Ronge on January 17.

There was a candid discussion of the benefits and limitations of the educational governance options that were provided in the Perrin's Report. The report outlines concerns with the present governance structure and options that may have a more effective and efficient governance structure in the 18 public school divisions in Saskatchewan. Concerns were

expressed about how the options would affect the Creighton School Division. The division is already offering quality education in a very cost effective manner. There is a risk that if one of the options is selected, that there would be a reduction in quality of programming and an increase in the cost to provide governance to this unique area of the province. Possible changes to legislation, regulations and funding formula were discussed as an alternative to a wholesale change in the governance structure.

The panel will complete the consultations before the end of January. They will summarize what they heard in the province wide consultations and the online responses. This summary will be presented to the Ministry for review by the Cabinet. It is expected that a decision will be made public in March.