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Dear Student/Parent:

I am writing to inform you that, at the January 27, 2010 Public Board meeting, Sturgeon School Division trustees voted in favor of continuing the jurisdiction's support for the Redwater School Vocational Program (R.S.V.P.) and to relocate it fully to the school's main campus. Students registered in this program will continue to receive the Sturgeon funded support, services and flexibility of programming designed to assist them in successfully completing a high school diploma. (Please note: The social worker position is funded by Alberta Health Services and we are applying for a continuation of this grant).

At the same public meeting, the Board of Trustees also voted in favor of initiating a process to consider the closure of the Redwater Learning Centre—Outreach facility. Over the past few years a very limited number of students have been registering for courses through the Centre and the funding generated has not been sufficient to cover operating costs. This trend indicates that there is little demand for such a centre and we are confident that those students who require outreach programming can continue to be well served by the Redwater School, main campus, and/or, if necessary, by the Sturgeon Learning Centre, located in Gibbons.

The Board believes that the consolidation of available resources at the Redwater School main campus will allow all students to access, equally, a range of learning opportunities to meet their varying needs. In this type of environment, the Redwater Learning Centre facility will no longer be required.

In order to facilitate this process and to more fully consult with Redwater community members, the Board will host a meeting at which time administration will discuss, in greater detail, the process associated with a school facility closure. They will also answer questions participants may have. This meeting has been scheduled for:

DATE: Monday, April 12, 2010  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Redwater School Library

Should you wish to submit your comments, in writing, please direct these to our Superintendent, Dr. Michele Dick, at [mdick@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:mdick@sturgeon.ab.ca).

As well, your local Trustee, Fred Hrynchuk, is available to discuss the matter and can be reached at 780-942-3259.

Yours truly,

Terry Jewell, Chair  
Board of Trustees

cc: Mr. Jeff Johnson, MLA Athabasca-Redwater  
Mayor Mel Smith and Town Council  
Ms. Debbie Hamilton – CAO, Redwater

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