

Board Agenda Item



Topic: Provincial Heritage Fair Awards

Presenter: Dan Lower

Meeting Date: June 11, 2025

Background

Central Middle School held its annual school-wide Heritage Fair on April 10, showcasing a total of 160 student projects - 58 projects in French and 102 projects in English. Students were invited to explore any Canadian topic of interest or share a personal heritage story from their family, conducting research and presenting their findings. From these, judges and teachers selected the top 12 projects, six in each language, to advance to the Provincial Heritage Fair in Calgary. Among the selected was Grade 7 student Tessa Meikle, who researched the development of insulin and how people live with diabetes. Drawing on personal interviews with family members affected by the condition and insights from her parents, who are both doctors, Tessa brought a unique and heartfelt perspective to her work.

At the provincial level, she earned three prestigious awards: Best Project for Science and Innovation, Best Thematic Project, and Top Overall Project. As the top winner, Tessa has now submitted her project to the Heritage Fair National Showcase, an initiative by Canada's History Society that celebrates outstanding student work and encourages a deeper appreciation of Canadian heritage.

Congratulations to Tessa, and thank you for representing Red Deer Public Schools well!

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School Authority Operations & Resources

- Recognizing student and staff accomplishments.