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## **Grant Funding**

Lakeland Catholic has been granted over \$33,500 through the Low Incidence Supports and Services Grant to assist complex communication students.

The funds will be used to continue work with Complex Communication Expert Kathy Howrey, who will provide professional development for teachers, teacher aids, and speech language pathologists in the area of complex communication. Necessary Alternative Augmentative Communication Systems for students will also be purchased in addition to student consultations and work with Kathy Howrey.

## **Extending an Invitation**

Lakeland Catholic will be extending an invitation to the new Bishop Franken to provide him an opportunity to meet the Board of Trustees.

## **Community Engagement**

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a Bonnyville Community Engagement event on February 1 at École Notre Dame High School. The event will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and is the first of many community engagement events taking place - with the board planning one for each community.

Leading up to the event, the board will discuss possible topics for the event with school councils.

## **Supporting Students**

The division continues to offer various supports for students who require them through a tiered approach. Tier one and two are in-classroom supports offered by teachers and student assistants. Tiers three and four focus on students who have been identified through assessment. These assessments help diagnose a student as mild, moderate, or severe and specific goals, objectives, and strategies are developed to support them based off of these results.

Division-level supports include individualized program plans, vision screening, specialized assessments, English as an Additional Language (EAL), the Multidisciplinary Team, Eastern Edge Low Incident Team, Student Assistants, and specialized learning support grants.

Lakeland Catholic also has a division psychologist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, EAL Lead Teacher, and physiotherapist.