

Transportation Accountability Report

Todd Johnson, our Transportation Manager, presented the annual Transportation Accountability Report. Every day our school buses travel over 18,000 km, safely transporting over 2600 students on 106 bus routes. We are focusing our efforts on recruiting casual bus drivers in all areas of our division. We are continuing to develop relationships with bus drivers, school staff and parents. We are looking at creating our own Bus Drivers' School which will see us bring in groups of bus drivers to train together as opposed to one-on-one training that we currently provide.

Provincial Education Plan Update

Amanda Olson, Superintendent of Learning, provided the Board with an update on the long-term Provincial Education Plan. Engagement work was done on a provincial level with themes identified to develop pillars, goals and strategies. The work was put on pause with the global health pandemic and shifted to a 2-year interim plan to get us through to the end of this school year. There has been great discussions and collaboration to establish four priority actions to be undertaken in the long-term plan. The four priority actions and milestones are:

1. Improve student outcomes through effective assessment practices that guide and strengthen responsive instruction.
2. Enhance opportunities for learners and their families and support transitions as learners enter and progress through school to graduation and determine a life pathway.
3. Enrich and enhance mental health and well-being capacity in students.
4. Actualize the vision and goals of Inspiring Success: Prek-12 First Nations and Métis Education Policy Framework.

We are excited to continue the great work we have been doing – the work that aligns with the longer-term plan.

Mental Health Wellness

Mental Health Wellness is everyone's job. First and foremost it is the job of the person whose mental health wellness we are talking about. Parent/guardian involvement is very important, especially with the younger students. Personnel in the school system and external supports are an important piece too. We need to build and support a solid foundation for the student – proper nutrition, sleep, exercise and being connected to others make up the foundations of mental health wellness. Our goal related to Mental Health Wellness is to raise awareness, to focus on prevention and help build that solid foundation, and on educating people on what that means. We have a referral process in place for schools which include group consultations or one-on-one; some are short-term and some are long-term. We have numerous resources available for staff, students, and parents/caregivers. We have a Mental Health Wellness room on our website which is full of great resources. We are very thankful for our ongoing support with Riverstreet Promotions for mental health wellness initiatives. With their support, we are co-hosting a Mental Health Wellness Youth Conference virtually with Holy Trinity on April 5 for grades 6-12 students.



Moose Jaw Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Eric Campbell, our Principal at Lindale School for being named Moose Jaw's Citizen of the Year.