



Superintendent's Report for DEC Lead, Learn and Grow



May 8, 2024

Ensure that all employees are empowered to excel in their roles.

- Mental Health First Aid training for the staff and Child and Youth team members on April 11 and 12.
- Two School Counselling Leads were trained as ASIST trainers by Living Works. ASIST (Applied Intervention Skills Training) is a standard suicide intervention/prevention model April 15 to 18. ASD-S now has three trained instructors.
- 6 Principals attended uLead Conference, Banff from April 14 to 16.
- 6 Principals and a Director of Schools attended the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) Conference, Toronto from April 23 to 25.
- 6 members of our leadership team participated in (CAPSLE) Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education Conference, Toronto from April 28 to 30.

Strengthen our inclusive system to be anti-racist, affirming, and equitable; To honor diversity and welcome all students.

- 15 staff participated in a First Nations Awareness Pin Beading Workshop. They did Orange Shirt beaded pins for awareness about Residential Schools with First Nations artist Michelle Laforme.
- During a Grade 6-12 Professional Learning Day: the first part of the day was with Mi'kmaw art and quill workshop with Tara Francis and the second part of the day was a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Workshop with Wolastoqey Elders Karen Polchies and Elaine Polchies.
- A Council Day for Professional learning was about the First Nation boxes/culture kits which were created in collaboration with elders.
- All French Immersion High School Teachers of French Immersion Language Arts/Social Studies attended a Professional Learning day, to learn how to incorporate First Nation graphic novels, books and activities into the high school classroom.

Improve student engagement and achievement by enhancing evidence based instructional and assessment practices.

- We were pleased to find out that funding is continuing next year to support the When Children Succeed project in our seven Saint John elementary schools, as well as continued funding to support Academic Support Teachers in elementary schools throughout ASD-S. These two initiatives have had significant benefits on our elementary learners in reading and math. We will have data reports on both projects to share at our August DEC meeting when we report on the engagement and achievement End's Policy.

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Other:

- The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Orchestras (ASD-S) performed in the NB festival and won GOLD!
- New administrators for 2024-2025:
 - Belleisle Elementary School, Principal - Kimberly Wright
 - Rothesay High School, Vice Principal - Nicole Blissett
 - Centennial School - Amy McClure
 - Loch Lomond School - Sarah Richards
 - Saint Rose School - Gail Fillmore-Crilley
 - Bayside Middle School - Janet Seeley
 - M. Gerald Teed School - Tanya McGrath (Returning)

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