

## **Superintendent's Report for DEC December 14, 2022**

### **ENDS #1: Provide a safe, healthy, and welcoming educational environment for learners, staff, families, and partners**

#### Joint Health and Safety Committee Training

- (Internal Provider) 75 Have been trained in 2022. (This includes ALL employee groups, NBTA, CUPE 2745 and 1253, PSAC, etc.).

#### First Aid Training

- (External Provider) Given to all custodians/maintenance in May 2022, and all middle and high school shop teachers and physical education teachers on December 2.

#### Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Training

- Ongoing for all new-hire custodians, provided online, however we have held 1 session so far for those who were unable to do it online.

#### Confined Space Training

- (External Provider) Provided to 7 Maintenance employees in November 2022.

#### Fall Protection and Manlift Awareness Training

- (External Provider) Provided to applicable Maintenance employees in April 2022.

#### Arc Flash Awareness Training

- (External Provider) Scheduled for all ASDS Electricians (7) along with their supervisors on December 14, 2022

### **ENDS #2: Improve student engagement and achievement by embedding research based best practices in a variety of learning environments.**

- November 3: 100 people attended Dr. Dan Chorney's presentation at Simonds High school.
- November 4: behaviour intervention mentors, social workers, and high school counsellors and administrators participated in a session with Dr. Chorney – best practices to address school avoidance.
- November 30, December 1, December 5 ASD-S Administrators took part in Outdoor Learning Professional Learning/Warm-Up Activity at the ASD-S Administrators' Meetings.
- November 18, December 2, and December 9 Professional Learning days included a variety of professional learning opportunities for teachers covering curriculum updates and District Improvement Plan goals. These included outdoor learning, embedding technology in the curriculum, structured literacy, and embedding social-emotional learning outcomes in the curriculum.
- Bridging Program Launch was October 13, 2022, Bridging Meeting focusing on Indigenous culture was November 17 at Chris Saunders School.
- Bridging Meeting focusing Culture and Diversity was November 24 at District, Bridging Meeting focusing on LGBTQ1A was November 29 at Chris Saunders.

### **ENDS #3: Engage system's leaders in improving mental health and resiliency for both learners and staff through proactive strategies such as Positive Education and Social Emotional learning.**

- October 6: Professional Learning session for new hire Behaviour Intervention Mentors in Skillstreaing (an *approach to teach essential prosocial skills to children and adolescents.*).
- October 6: Professional Learning session for K-8 Counsellors with a focus on trauma-informed practices, antiracism and equity, social/emotional learning, restorative practices, My Blueprint, One at a Time Therapy, and self-compassion for counsellors.
- October 20 and 21: Four ASD-S staff trained in Level II Violence Threat Risk Assessment by Kevin Cameron, Executive Director of the Canadian Center from Trauma Informed Practices, in Fredericton.

- November 3: Professional Learning session for Grade 9-12 counsellors at Portage Atlantic.
- November 8: Mental Health Youth Forum for high schools.
- November 8 and 9: Behaviour and Autism Leads participating in the Atlantic Provinces Autism Conference.
- November 22: Skillstreaming for new Behaviour Intervention Mentors.
- Resource Teacher Professional Learning (October – Grades K-5 and November – Grades 6-8, Complex Case teachers, and Grades 6-12).

**ENDS #4: Ensure all members of the school and district community are welcomed, respected, accepted and supported.**

- November 25: SJEC office staff, subject coordinators, and instructional coaches took part in a Blanket Exercise with local elders.
- October/December: First Nations' coaches and coordinators continue to collaborate with the K-12 French Second Language team to work on embedding First Nations' learning into French Language Arts classes.

**Resource Teacher Professional Learning**

- Grades 6-8 (Hampton Education Centre) on November 3
- Grades 6-8 (Saint John Education Centre) on November 17
- Grades 6-12 (St. Stephen Education Centre) on November 24

**School Counsellor Professional Learning on November 3**

- Grades 9-12 held at Portage Atlantic

**Mental Health Youth Forum on November 8**

- Grades 9-12
- Each High School sends a teacher and a few students
- Each school receives \$500 to support school-based mental health initiatives

**Mental Health First Aid on November 22 and 23**

- Goal is to ensure all principals, vice principals, school counsellors, guidance teachers, and behaviour intervention mentors have this training

**MS GSA Funding**

- Middle schools are receiving \$500 to support school-based GSA/LGBTQ+ Inclusion activities

**Youth Engagement Services (YES) Program Session for High School Counsellors**

- High schools counsellors had an online session with Meaghan Burpee from Social Development about the Youth Engagement Services for youth who require financial aid, life skills, and other supports to promote a successful transition to adulthood

District-Based Education Support Services staff continue to support schools with Complex Behaviour, crisis response, and Violence Threat Risk Assessment. The staff continues to support schools with Professional Learning on trauma, antiracism, and Social Emotion Learning/Positive education.

**Other:**

- Asst. Transportation Manager, HEC – Joel McLeod – 24 years, Driver Coach for 8 years
- Patrick Halford, Vice Principal at Princess Elizabeth School
- Rosemary Southard, Director of Schools, St. Stephen Education Centre
- Rebecca Rudderham, Acting Principal, Fundy Middle and High School
- Kara Matheson, Acting Vice Principal, Fundy Middle and High School