



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

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Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
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My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers

As of: Sept 13-2016

Grade:	Gr.K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr.6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	TOTALS
BAS														0
DL	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	4	1	2	12	39
EES	1	1		1	6	2	4	4						19
LESS	5	4	8	5	10	10	5	7	5	8	6	1	6	80
NES	14	21	16	18	25	22	18	32						166
NSS									27	32	23	26	36	144

TOTAL Per Grade 23 28 27 26 42 36 29 45 35 44 30 29 54

District Total

448

2016-17 Enrollment Notes:

- June 2016 – 466 students included 47 DL students; DL enrollment grows over the course of the school year as more Grade 10-12 students complete courses. 24 K-9 home-based learners is an increase from all previous years.
- Burton Academy has 10 students registered in the Outdoor Education/Entrepreneurship Academy; MyEd BC doesn't show enrollment at two brick and mortar schools so NSS is chosen as the "home school"
- Lucerne School – 5 Somali refugee children will be arriving shortly in Grades 1-4
- Trend at NSS, NES and Lucerne is larger classes exiting in Grade 7 (NES) and Grade 12 (NSS/Lucerne) than children entering Kindergarten which means decline in enrollment, yet, numbers are actually pretty stable compared to projections; more elementary children overall
- Strong Start (0-4 year olds with parents) currently shows 39 at Nakusp, 20 in New Denver and 25 in Southern Zone
- District is closely monitoring Public Health, Strong Start and pre-school enrollment to better forecast

Welcome to our New Staff, Students and Parents; Welcome Back to those Returning

- It's been a great start to the new school year at all SD 10 schools!
Here are our new staff, and our returning staff in new positions:

NSS:

New to the district

- Peter Gajda – Principal
- Sheena Delong – Art and Aboriginal Education Support
- Shanny McIvor - PE and Social Studies

BAS:

New Assignment

- Michael Myhal - .2 Hands-On Learning and Technology Education

NES:

New Assignments

- Joseph Baron – Principal
- Biz Tupper – Grade 7
- Anita Vibe (.6) and Sally McLean (.4) – Grade 5/6

New CUPE Regular Positions

- Carol Fox – Education Assistant
- Paula Burns – Education Assistant
- Nancy Bone – Strong Start Coordinator

LESS:

New to the district (and Returning)

- Trish Hawkins – Principal
- Chelsea Lada – Grade K/1

New Assignments

- Kristin Kipkie – Learning Resource Teacher and Aboriginal Education Support
- Patrick MacGibbon – Music and Band
- Chaez Johnsin - Education Assistant
- Eva Shandro - Program Assistant

EES:

New to the district

- Michael Hibberson – Principal
- Sheena DeLong – .2 Fine Arts and .05 Aboriginal Education

New Assignment

- Michael Myhal .2

New CUPE Regular Position

- Nora Currie – Custodian

Welcome Back to EES

- JoAnne Alaric – Secretary and Library Clerk

New District Staff:

- Lorna Newman, Director of Learning

2. Revised K-9 Curriculum and Interim Reporting Order

- Teachers in SD 10 continue to embark on implementing the new K-9 curriculum in their indoor and outdoor classrooms across the district. There is lots of support planned:
 - a Curriculum Support Day is planned for Monday, November 14th with Faye Brownlie focused on Literacy, Collaboration and Assessment for Learning along with assessment workshop choices designed by teachers on the Educational Transformation Committee
 - a Professional Development Day on September 26th in Inquiry with Drs. Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser along with teacher-designed options for professional learning
 - Professional Learning teams offered throughout the year focus on the revised curriculum and assessment practices in Math, Literacy, Coding and Technology, and Engaging all Learners
 - Conversations with staff, students and parents about classroom assessment and communication and reporting on student learning will happen throughout the year

3. Somali Refugee Children to Join Lucerne

- In mid-July this year, the district was informed that the Slovan Valley Refugee Coalition had been matched with a Somali family who have lived for the past ten years in a refugee camp in Kenya

- The family brings with them, their five children aged 3- 9 and another 9 year old, the sister of the mother; we anticipate that the family will arrive in September
- Lucerne School staff and students are busy preparing to welcome the 5 new children to the school, and the 3 year old boy and parents to the New Denver Strong Start Centre
- Thanks to the Refugee Coalition for their efforts in planning for and raising funds to keep this refugee family housed, clothed and cared for in our community
- English language learning skills will be assessed once the children arrive at school, and if required, an ELL teacher will be hired to assist in learning English

4. Transportation Funding

- The Superintendent and Manager of Operations and Transportation are applying for SD 10's share of the new transportation funding announced two weeks ago; applications are due September 30th, 2017
- This funding is intended to assist districts with the higher costs of transportation incurred over the past years; in many districts, transportation services to students have been cut
- In SD 10, we have preserved equity and access to transportation for children and families, ensuring that walk limits are lower than the provincial minimums, bus routes have been maintained for over 7 years, with no fees charged and no reductions of bus drivers. Instead, we have made administration reductions in other areas of our budget.
- As a result, our Transportation Funding application will highlight coverage of some bussing costs for curricular field trips in support of the revised K-9 curriculum and some of the costs incurred by our strong district support of extra-curricular travel. Transportation assistance to families living more than 4.5 km from their school not served by a school bus will continue, and subsidies for Kindergarten children attending part days as they transition to Kindergarten will also be covered.

5. Electrical Apprentice

- A former NSS graduate, Taylor Aeichele, has applied to the school district to become a 2nd year electrical apprentice
- The district has applied for CBT SchoolWorks Apprenticeship funding and also to the ITA to support Ms. Aeichele's apprenticeship wages, EI and CPP costs
- In addition, a local business person will subsidize and top up Ms. Aeichele's wage if the proposal is accepted
- Many thanks to Ashely Emery, district Journeyman Electrician and to CUPE 2450 for their support of this program designed to help build apprenticeship opportunities locally

6. Attendance and Wellness Consultant

- Shari Featherstone, a highly experienced disability management consultant who has

worked with PEBT's JEIS program (Joint Early Intervention Services) has been hired to assist the district with attendance and wellness support

- Shari is hired through the district's shared service agreement with the Okanagan Labour Relations Council and has a one year contract to assist districts in the OLRC with an audit of current practices and processes, support enhancing these supports to employees, and recommendations for attendance wellness initiatives

7. UBC West Kootenay Teacher Education Program

- 37 WKTEP teacher candidates join the UBC teacher ed program based in Nelson this year
- Interest in SD 10 practicum placements from pre-service teachers is strong this year: a secondary Science student, secondary Social Studies student and likely two intermediate student teachers are seeking SD 10 teacher mentors
- All 37 WKTEPers will be in classrooms throughout SD 10 in three consecutive weeks as the new "in situ" model launches this fall – September 20th, 29th and October 3rd are the dates
- WKTEP pre-service teachers will work with SD 10 staff on community building, class reviews, and fall literacy assessments to inform teaching and learning; they will also teach their first short lesson in the class to which they are assigned
- A giant thank you to the twelve SD 10 teachers who have volunteered to open the doors of their classrooms to the teacher candidates in this first round of "in situ" learning sessions!!!

8. \$10,000 Design Thinking Grant Approved

- SD 10's application for a Large Scale ArtStarts grant has been approved
- Starting in September, with artistic residencies happening in schools across the district, the Design Thinking: Making a Difference in the World project celebrates 13 local artists who will work with children and youth in artistic genres from pottery to timber frame building
- Dr. Susan Crichton, from UBC-Okanagan will help launch the initiative with a Maker design challenge tournament involving students, staff and artists and also frame the notion of empathic design and design thinking
- Design thinking involves consideration of the end user with an empathic focus – making and designing products which solve authentic problems. Prototypes and iterative designs

are created before any making takes place.

- 13 artist, maker and builder residencies will be scheduled from November to May with culminating showings of final prototypes and design processes held in the communities of Edgewood, Nakusp and New Denver on May 18th

9. New SD 10 films launched

- Four new films celebrating teaching and learning in small-is-amazing SD 10 have now been completed and are available on our SD 10 Arrow Lakes YouTube channel and also on the district website at <http://sd10.bc.ca/video>
 1. *Garden, Greenhouse and Sustainability* focuses on the pre-school, Strong Start and K-12 programs at Lucerne School connected to the school garden, greenhouse and sustainability initiatives. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB3m1ec26fc>
 2. *Taking Care of Community: Collaborative Environmental Stewardship* features two Nakusp Elementary teachers share their work co-teaching Grade 5/6 students in inquiry projects focused on taking action in community. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJKDFy8GKh0>
 3. *Solar Energy Project* showcases the hands-on and technology learning experiences involved in the installation of NES and Lucerne's solar panels last fall. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3MaTds1LAQ>
 4. *Technology in the Wild: Primary Students Explore their Place* shares Edgewood Elementary School's outdoor classroom. K-3 students inquire about animal habitat and animal needs in the forest using game cameras to record animals' presence.

10. SEP (School Enhancement Program) Funding

- The Ministry of Education announced an additional \$20,000,000 of funding for school improvement capital projects with a deadline for applications of September 15th
- SD 10's application includes requests for
 - 1) emergency lighting and sprinkler upgrades
 - 2) flooring at Nakusp Secondary (gym) and Nakusp Elementary and
 - 3) heating and ventilation upgrades at Nakusp Elementary
 - 4) solar panels at Nakusp Elementary

11. Five Year Capital Plan Draft

- Susan Brenna-Smith, Director of Finance, Art Olson, Manager of Operations and Transportation and Superintendent/ST Taylor have been working on our five year capital plan submission due to the Ministry September 30th
- The Capital Plan report is now much more extensive with many areas of capital plan funding requests rolled into a single submission
- SD 10 Capital Plan priorities include School Enhancement Program (SEP) requests: 1) roofing at NSS, 2) heating and ventilation at NES and BAS, Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) requests: 1) Solar panels at NES, NSS and EES; Bus Replacement Program request: replacement of Bus 6100 due to corrosion and maintenance issues

12. New School Bus for Eastern Zone Route

- Our new 60 passenger school bus has just arrived in the district and will serve the Hills-New Denver-Silverton route
- This bus is a replacement for the propane bus which had ongoing engine problems ever since its purchase
- The Ministry authorized replacement of the propane vehicle with a new diesel bus
- In addition, \$15,000 from the sale of the propane bus has been approved by the Ministry to go into SD 10's restricted capital surplus fund
- In all, we now have three new busses in the district – one on the Edgewood route, one in Nakusp, and the new New Denver bus!

13. Strong Start Review at Lucerne – October 6th and 7th

- A team of 4 researchers is coming from the University of Toronto to conduct research interviews and a focus group with Strong Start Coordinator, Charlene "Bean" Alexander and parents
- Director of the Office of the Early Years, Tessa Graham, and Superintendent of Early Learning, Maureen Dockendorf, will also attend the review
- New Denver Strong Start is one of ten sites chosen for this research across BC as a result of its innovative community partnerships and flexible evening/after school hours amongst other practices

14. Part-time District Healthy Schools Coordinator

- New IHA (Interior Health Authority) funding for a part-time one day per week Healthy Schools Coordinator has allowed us to hire Ms. Heather French as our new HSC

- Heather has begun working with Lorna Newman, Director of Learning on a draft plan to address three district health needs identified: nutrition, substance misuse and mental health
- Ms. French will visit schools and talk to staff shortly as she launches this new health program which will augment our existing healthy schools initiatives