



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

**March 7, 2017**  
**Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**  
*Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,  
 and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education*

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers														
As of:	Feb 6-17													
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	2	3	3	2	3	0	2	4	2	2	9	37
EES	1	1	1	1	8	3	4	3						22
LESS	9	3	12	6	10	10	5	5	8	7	5	0	6	86
NES	15	22	20	18	25	23	17	32						172
NSS									29	30	21	25	38	143
<b>TOTAL Per Grade</b>	28	28	35	28	46	38	29	40	39	41	28	27	53	
<b>District Total</b>														460

**1. Enrollment notes – Up 12 students overall since September 30<sup>th</sup> count of 446**

- Six refugee children have now arrived and registered at Lucerne, in addition to a new student from the Netherlands! Welcome our new students from Africa and Europe to SD 10!

**2. February 24<sup>th</sup> Pro-D day Update**

- Education Assistants enjoyed a valuable day of learning with our Occupational Therapist, Laura Munoz on Sensory Motor training
- A number of teachers and principals/vice principals attended First Aid training at Selkirk College, while other teachers went out of district to regional Pro-D events

**3. Rural Engagement - Feb 24 Revelstoke and March 10 Trail – 6 pm to 8 pm**

- Trustee Judy Struck and Superintendent Taylor attended the February 24<sup>th</sup> Rural Engagement session in Trail, along with about 35 people from SD 8 and 20
- Assistant Deputy Minister, George Farkas from the Ministry of Education, and Linda Larson, MLA and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Education hosted the session and listened closely to feedback from the participants
- Challenges and successes in rural education were shared in the 2 hour session with perspectives from rural and remote schools and districts
- Consider attending the Revelstoke session on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> if you are able
- All members of the school community – staff, parents, trustees and community are invited to attend <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/ruraleducation/regional-open-houses/>

#### 4. Student Learning Grant Funding

5. The Ministry of Education has recently announced that an additional \$27,400,000 will be provided to districts across the province for the purchase of learning resources to assist with these needs
  - Eligible categories of resources/supplies include instructional supplies (e.g. electronic learning resources, textbooks, other classroom supplies serving an educational purpose), athletic equipment, and learning resources to assist non-enrolling teachers (i.e. career preparation materials)
  - As the funds are to be allocated at \$50 per September 30<sup>th</sup> student FTE, we anticipate receiving about \$22,300 in March 2017

#### 6. Wow! Yet another NSS team makes it to Provincials!

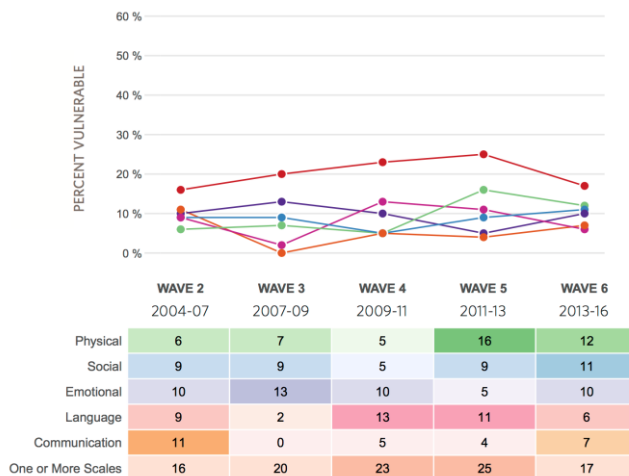
- The Senior Girls Basketball team won the Zone Tournament held the weekend of February 25/26<sup>th</sup> in Nakusp, and are heading to Duncan this week with a berth in the Single A Provincial Championships
- The Provincial tournament takes place March 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – congratulations to the girls and their coaches!
- Our Senior Girls win, makes this the third NSS team to make it to provincials this school year – clearly NSS' strong reputation for excellence in athletics carries on! Bravo!

#### 7. Strong Start Coordinator Meeting – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Our three Strong Start Coordinators, NES Principal, EES Vice-Principal, Director of Learning and Superintendent met as a team on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to share successes and challenges in our early learning programs as well as examine early learning pedagogy
- Our Strong Starts are vibrant hubs of early learning, and we are grateful for the expertise of our three early learning educators: Nancy Bone, NES StrongStart, Jodi McLean, EES, Burton and Fauquier StrongStarts, and Charlene Alexander, Lucerne StrongStart
- The most current EDI (Early Development Indicator) research from UBC was also discussed, which indicates that in Wave 6 (last year's Kindergarten students) the district has seen a decrease in student vulnerability on two or more scales from previous years. In 2016 (Wave 6), 17% of children demonstrated vulnerabilities in one or more areas. This is the lowest we have seen in the district since Wave 2 – 2004-2007.
- Although the small cohort sizes with any of our data give caution to interpreting single year results, our early learning educators remain committed to successfully reducing vulnerability and increasing readiness of our children for school. Bravo, Team Early Learning! Strong Starts do make a difference for children and families!

[http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/media/edi\\_w6\\_communityprofiles/edi\\_w6\\_communityprofile\\_sd\\_10.pdf](http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/media/edi_w6_communityprofiles/edi_w6_communityprofile_sd_10.pdf)

Figure 4. Arrow Lakes EDI trends from Wave 2 to 6



## 8. Educational Transformation Committee Update

- Our team of teachers, secondary students, Education Assistants, trustee, and school and district leaders met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year in our Educational Transformation Committee, taking a focus on assessment of the six “core competencies” in the redesigned curriculum
- Excellent ideas on bringing students and parents further into the conversation around communicating student learning were shared and all committee members will share information and bring feedback back to the Committee’s final meeting of the year in May
- Planning for next year’s Curriculum Support Day will also be done by the team

## 9. Youth Trades Capital Equipment Grant

- The Ministry of Education has advised the district that funding will be awarded to SD10 for our YTC Grant submission. Further details regarding the exact amount will be available at a later date.

## 10. Budget Planning Process for 2017-18

- Our budget consultation process has thus far included consultation at four district schools, with meetings for both parents and staff, a meeting with the Principals and vice-principal, and two of the three Finance Committee meetings
- The Director of Finance and Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer have developed two budget scenarios for the Finance Committee’s consideration: a status quo budget, and a budget with some reductions informed by the budget consultation process and other information
- Finance Committee meeting #3 is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, with the Budget By-law scheduled to be passed on May 2, 2017 at a Special Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

## 11. Restored ALTA Collective Agreement Language

- The provincial parties (BCTF and the government) have now reached a tentative settlement on how the Supreme Court Decision restoring class size and composition language from the 2002 Collective Agreements across the province will be implemented.
- The district's non-enrolling ratios for school counsellors and learning resource teachers are well above 2002 ratios (more than double the ratios in both cases). We also have a number of new non-enrolling teacher categories including Aboriginal Education Support teachers and Classroom Support teachers as well as a new ELL teacher.
- However, we will be required to post for a .86 FTE Teacher Librarian for the district, as we no longer have this non-enrolling position in the district. This requirement will have impacts on staffing.
- In addition, we will be required to restore, or attempt to restore given funding provided, and examining all options, class sizes to those limits identified in a 1994 Board Policy 4010 as follows:

	Straight	Split	Multi-grade
Primary	21.5	18.5	15.5
Intermediate	23.5	20.5	17.5
Secondary	21.5		14.5

- Preliminary work by our school and district Leadership team, indicates that it will be very difficult indeed to restore the 2002 class sizes unless significant funding is received.
- Despite our low class sizes across the district (1: 12.15 at NSS; 1: 6 at Lucerne Secondary; 1:13.88 at Lucerne Elementary; 1:13.77 at NES; 1:10.47 at EES), there are 12 classes this year that are above the 2002 class size limits. This is mainly results because in the years since 2002, district enrolment has declined by over 50% and as a result, many classes throughout the district are now split or multi-grade classrooms.
- Our 2017-18 budget is announced on March 15<sup>th</sup>. At that point, we will have greater clarity on the impact of the restored language and what funding we will have to deal with to attempt to implement restored language.

#### **12.42 SD 10 students registered for regional RoboGames Tournament!**

- Building on our success at the last two years' Robo Games, student and teacher interest in robotics continues to thrive
- This year, students from four of our district schools will compete in this coding, electronics and hands-on learning competition at Selkirk College in Castlegar, on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Student enrollment is strong: NSS – 6; NES – 8; EES – 7; LESS – 22 (8 secondary and 14 elementary)

- Thanks to the many teacher sponsors who are helping our students have fun and learn about this important set of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills – teamwork, technology and tools come together integrating math, science, applied skills and design technology and the core competencies
- Sponsored by Selkirk College and GLOWS (Growing Learning Opportunities With Science), this marks the 6<sup>th</sup> RoboGames competition with teams aged 6-10 years old, 11-14 years old, and 14-18 years old as well as the hotly pursued All Ages Innovation category
- Costs of registration, travel, and robotics kits will be covered by our Shoulder Tapper Skills training grant from the Ministry of Education