



**October 19, 2021
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

1. Indigenous Education

Orange Shirt Day / Truth and Reconciliation Week / Equity in Action Project:

SD10 is committed to building awareness and understanding around Indigenous Peoples, History, Culture and Education.

- During the week of September 27th, all schools in SD10 recognized Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with classroom and school-wide activities. Elders and Knowledge keepers visited schools and shared their experiences and wisdom with students and staff. Students participated in educational and cultural activities throughout the week to enhance their learning and understanding.
- This year, SD10 is joining the Ministry's Equity in Action project that focuses on improving Indigenous student success. Ministry of Indigenous Education Secondee Field Liaison, Joe Heslip spent the day in the district with staff, Elders, Indigenous Support Teachers, and members of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council on October 18 to review components and expectations of the Equity in Action project and to support the district's efforts.

2. Seamless Day Pilot Program:

The Ministry of Education is in the process of working towards a continuum of learning and bringing continuity to the two systems of Early Years and Education through the integration of childcare into School Districts. In this process, another step is expanding before and/or after school care in existing Elementary classrooms. The Seamless Day model will see a qualified Early Childhood Educator provide before and/or after school childcare and be present in the early primary classroom during part of the day to support early learning in collaboration with the classroom teacher.

- After a needs assessment was conducted, the district has selected Burton Elementary to host the program.
- Growing enrollment and a need for childcare and after school programming exists in the Burton community.
- The program is slated to begin in January 2022. There will be community consultation and information sharing for families in the coming months.
- Burton Elementary will provide an afterschool care program with licensing for 12 Kindergarten to grade 7 students to enroll in.

3. Board of Education Builds Strategic Plan Priorities for 2021/2022:

Trustees have been working with district staff to develop strategic plan priorities for the 2021-2022 school year. Working sessions examined ministry and district data, feedback from last year's priorities as well as new learning. Based on the working sessions, the Board has identified:

- Continuous Academic Improvement
- Well-Being
- Indigenous Education

as the priorities for the year and will engage in conversation with partner groups at the Educational Partnership Committee meeting on October 19th to receive feedback and input before finalizing the priorities at the November Board Meeting.