



February 21, 2023, Superintendent's Report

1. Strategic Plan Consultation Conversations:

The School Board is establishing a new five-year Strategic Plan for the District so that the goals and objectives of educating and inspiring our students is not only being realized but that it continues to grow and develop. The Board wants to listen and learn from parents, students, staff, and community members about what is being experienced in our changing world of education. As a part of the Strategic Plan process, the Board:

- wants to have a meaningful dialogue with all the schools and communities in the district before their plan is developed.
- wants to know how the School District is doing today and what reflections and thoughts people have about the future?
- wants to know what the key areas that we should focus on in the future are.

The Board is using a method called “Scenario Planning” as way of stimulating dialogue, reflection, and engagement during this planning phase. Scenario planning is about exploring ideas of what the future may hold and identifying potential realities; and how the School District might need to change or adapt in light of identified future scenarios.

There will be four phases to develop the plan, and the first phase is the consultation phase. Consultation sessions will be held in each of our schools and students, parents, staff, and community members are encouraged to attend to share their thoughts and ideas.

Dates for consultation are as follows:

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| Edgewood Elementary: | March 29 th @ 12:00pm |
| Burton Elementary: | March 29 th @ 4:00pm |
| Lucerne Elementary/Secondary: | March 30 th @ 6:00pm |
| Nakusp Elementary and Nakusp Secondary: | April 12 th @ 6:00pm |

There will also be an online format available to share as well. Please visit www.sd10.bc.ca Recent News, after April 12th to access the survey.

2. R.E.A.C.H. Program Providing Students with Engaging Learning Opportunities:

The Rural Education Academy of Cooperative & Hands-On Learning, or R.E.A.C.H is a program that was developed in the district to offer students an opportunity to build networks, meet curricular goals, and engage in a hands-on learning experiences through community connections. This program is offered by teacher, Stephanie Mervyn, and is open to high school students across the district. The program is based out of Selkirk college in Nakusp and focuses on students engaging with the communities of SD10 to learn about the environment, local contexts, physical health education, art, and personal and social competencies. This once-a-week program is an innovative approach to engaging learners and providing alternate spaces to learn and succeed.

3. SD10 Wins CBEEN Environmental Award

2023 is a year of renewal in many respects, and this is certainly the case for teachers as they continue to think outside the four walls of their classrooms.

Schools across the Kootenay-Boundary region renewed their support for outdoor and environmental learning through the Take Me Outside for Learning School Year Challenge sponsored by the Columbia Basin Environmental Educators Network (CBEEN). Collectively there was an 18% increase in engagement from last year, amounting to 45% of all learners from across the region benefiting from this initiative.

School District 10 led the way for a third straight year, with 92% of our students involved. The district is proud to display yet another Take Me Outside award. Outdoor and environmental education is a foundational part of learning in our school district. We value and appreciate the land we learn on and believe the outdoors is an extension of the classroom that allows for cultivating more opportunities for wonder, play, exploration, and care taking.

Huge thanks go out to our dedicated educators in SD10 who make outdoor education a priority and who continue to provide engaging and meaningful learning experiences outdoors in our beautiful surroundings.