

February 25, 2025, Superintendent's Report

COLLABORATION and COMPETENCY:



1. District Shared Professional Development Day:

The annual shared professional development day between the Arrow Lakes Teachers Association, the Arrow Lakes Educational Leadership Association and the district occurred on January 24th. We welcomed over 70 teachers, administrators, and CUPE support staff to participate in a day of learning. The focus for this year was on enhancing the priorities (competency, health, environment, and collaboration) of the district's strategic plan. The morning began with a keynote address from district Elder Michael Garvey.

There were four sessions offered in the morning and afternoon: conflict resolution, Indigenous learning, music education, learning technologies, executive functioning, early literacy interventions, outdoor education, and mathematics. All sessions were created and facilitated by teaching staff. The sessions were engaging, and staff were able to connect, collaborate, and learn from each other. The day was a huge success and a tribute to the knowledge, skills, and expertise that exists within our district.

2. West Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral Program in SD10:

The West Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral program is a province-wide initiative funded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The program's purpose is to enhance the availability and quality of a range of child care options. We offer services on a bi-weekly basis in both Lucerne and Nakusp Elementary schools, and provide outreach to the Southern Zone. The program offers a variety of supports including:

- Free resource lending library
- Child care information and referrals
- Workshops or groups for families
- Professional development for early years professionals
- Outreach services to early years programs and events
- Information on Child Care BC programs and services
- Support for the child care workforce.

The district is grateful for this partnership, and we can already see the positive impact the program is having on children, families, and staff in SD10.



3. Nakusp Secondary Hosts Career Education Dinner with Local Employers:

On Tuesday, February 11, seven employers from the community attended a dinner at Nakusp Secondary to collaborate with SD10 and discuss place-based career education and dual credit programs for SD 10 students. Community employers (representing various economic sectors) learned what programs are currently being offered to students, as well as future program possibilities. Two students, one taking a Youth Train in Trades program in Fall, 2025, and one who has begun Health Care Assisting, spoke to employers about the opportunity and reasons for taking Dual Credit programs. Additionally, employers participated in table discussions exploring the question: What skills, knowledge, and experience do your future employees need? Every employer present would like to continue collaborating with SD10; they would also like to participate in a SD10 sponsored Career Fair in Spring, 2025.