

April 15, 2025, Superintendent's Report



COMPETENCY:

1. Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning Launches New Learning Platform:

This year, ALDL has shifted from a Moodle learning platform to D2L Brightspace. The D2L Brightspace platform is a user-friendly, cloud-based learning management system that is widely used in online schools across the province. Starting with our ALDL school, Brightspace will be rolled out district-wide by June. This platform enhances navigation, provides better access to resources, sends notifications to teachers when students submit work and offers personalized learning tools like interactive portfolios. Teachers can incorporate blended learning easily and access pre-made courses to enhance their instruction. The mobile app makes coursework more flexible and accessible, improving on the previous platform's limitations. Both Distance Learning (DL) students and those in brick-and-mortar schools will benefit from a more streamlined and supportive educational experience.

2. Learning Technologies Update:

District Learning Technologies Helping Teacher Erin Collison continues to make inroads in supporting teachers and students across the district with the use of technology in the classroom. Highlights include:

- District professional development session reaching over 35 teachers and EAs
- After-school drop-in sessions at each school
- Integration of digital learning platforms and monthly newsletters
- Direct support to teachers around a variety of topics (classroom support, software applications, iPad usage, interactive TV applications, etc.)
- Support District IT initiatives

In addition to Erin's work, the district has asked each school to develop a school technology plan. This plan outlines short-term and long-term goals for each school for hardware, software, and learning for students and staff. The plans will help with device and software purchases and infrastructure needs and will provide added direction for the Learning Technologies Helping Teacher's role.





3. SD10 Receives Literacy Grant:

The district received a \$247,000 literacy grant from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to continue improving students' literacy development. The three-year grant aims to enhance early literacy screening, early literacy intervention, overall literacy development, teacher professional development, the purchase of resources, and parent/caregiver learning.

The grant will support the district's many ongoing literacy initiatives this year and provide ongoing support for literacy development over the next two years. A comprehensive plan will be developed and submitted to the Ministry in July.

