

April 7, 2026, Superintendent's Report



COMPETENCY:

1. Nakusp Secondary School Emergency Services Course:

The Emergency Services program is a new out-of-timetable class NSS has offered this year with the support of RDCK Area K funding. Enrolled students have been working with teachers Daniel Abraham and Dorian Boswell, as well as community volunteers, to pursue training and certificates to make them more employable in the Emergency Services field. Students took courses in First Aid, Transportation endorsement, S-100, S-185, and drone flying, and participated in GSAR-related coursework. Students completed this work after school and on weekends. Students also had the opportunity to join GSAR and the Nakusp Fire Department as junior members. Huge thanks go to our community partners for supporting this program! Students will earn 4 credits for this independent study course.

2. Learning Technologies Update:

This year, the Learning Technology Support Teacher position has focused on building staff capacity, supporting classroom integration, and guiding the district's evolving approach to digital literacy and AI. Key work has included delivering ongoing professional development across schools, supporting teachers with platforms such as Brightspace, Teams, Canva, and Wayground, and developing digital citizenship programming using Common Sense Media resources. A strong emphasis has been placed on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and equitable access through newsletters and staff support, alongside exploring and piloting emerging tools such as AI applications and literacy/numeracy platforms.

The role has also involved coordinating district-wide subscriptions, responding to diverse teacher requests, and ensuring ethical and effective use of student data and media. Overall, the position continues to evolve as a responsive, collaborative support that bridges pedagogy and technology to help shape a future-focused approach to learning in the district.



ENVIRONMENT:

3. SD10 Wins the Take Me Outside 4 Learning Challenge:

Once again, the district has won the annual Take Me Outside 4 Learning Challenge for the Kootenay-Boundary region. The challenge asks educators to commit to outdoor learning with their learners at least once weekly throughout the year.

The learning challenge is designed to be simple and fun, with tangible tools and resources provided by the Columbia Basin Environmental Educators Network to help teachers and students achieve success learning outside. SD10 had the greatest percentage of students participating in the event. As a result of the win, the district received resources from the outdoor learning store to enhance outdoor education and continue our commitment to outdoor and environmental education. Congratulations to our students and teachers!

