

Chinook's Edge achieves levels of excellence in Accountability Pillar results

For Immediate Release, November 1, 2017: The hard work and clear priorities of the entire Chinook's Edge team is reflected in the division's strong achievements on the recently-released Accountability Pillar report from Alberta Education.

The annual results report is comprised of Student Achievement data and student/parent/staff Satisfaction Survey results. The report shows an increase across the board in the number of students who are achieving both levels of *Acceptable* and levels of *Excellence* in Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

"This is an important indication that our strategic focus on academic excellence is impacting students at every grade level in Chinook's Edge," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher. "Our school teams are working hard to ensure students have the curricular background and foundational knowledge needed to achieve success. But they are also focusing on our other strategic divisional priorities of literacy, social emotional framework development, and career transitions. This core focus of our work, both at the school and the division level, is paying dividends in our Accountability Pillar results. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and staff."

The findings show Chinook's Edge students continue to feel they have opportunities to engage in citizenship activities, and parents continue to demonstrate a very high satisfaction in the quality of education in schools throughout the division. Parents are highly involved in Chinook's Edge schools and continue to respond at a level of excellence to the question 'has your school improved in the last three years.'

"As well, our Drop Out rate was already low and we've reduced it significantly, because of the collective responsibility occurring on every school team that ensures a network of support for every student," said Superintendent Sacher. "That said, we continue to focus on our high school completion rate. Although we have a high standing as a division with an above provincial average of 79.2 percent of our students graduating, we feel we can still do better. We are also placing a high focus on the transition rate to post-secondary, which is a major part of our core work. Our goal is for students, including those in younger grades, to reflect on high school and beyond so they can define a path that leads to a lifetime of success."

The Board of Education has reviewed the multi-year Accountability Pillar data and accepted the extensive report. It will be made available at: <http://www.cesd73.ca/Publications.php>

"The Board is very pleased with the excellent work being accomplished in our schools," said Colleen Butler, Board Chair. "The clear strategic goals that we've been sticking to, along with the commitment of staff, students and parents, is leading to great success for our students."

To learn more about the strategic goals, we are pleased to share the following video (which is also available at www.cesd73.ca, under About/Communications):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKA4LvVk7xc&feature=youtu.be>

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