

Triannual Report #1

2022-2023



Message from Board & Superintendent

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Tansi, Edlánat'e, Hello everyone! We are pleased to present our first Triannual Report for the 2022-2023 school year!

This report highlights progress we have made with meeting or exceeding the priorities for Northland School Division (NSD):

1. Excellence in Learning
2. Excellence in Leadership
3. Excellence in Relationships

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Administration, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Cathy Wanyandie

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Board Chair



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Superintendent of Schools

Excellence in Learning

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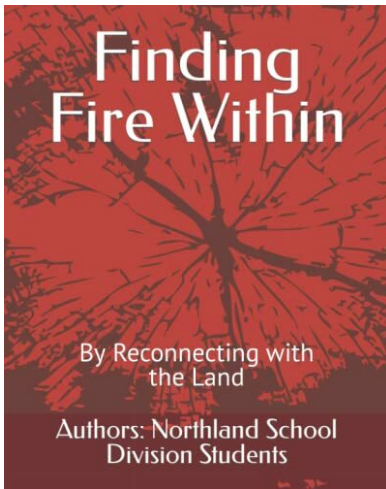
Priority 1: Excellence in Learning

Students achieve or exceed the standards set by Alberta Education in literacy and numeracy.

Outcome: Student success is supported by staff who ensure all students feel supported and have a sense of belonging within their schools.

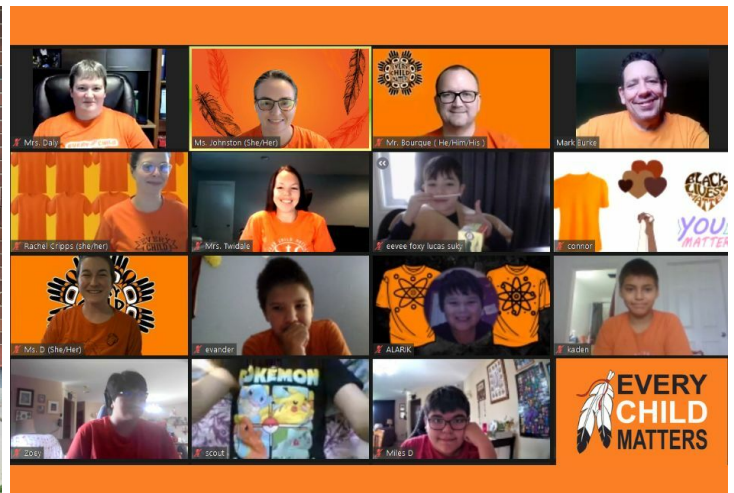
Outcome: The Division uses consistent literacy and numeracy practices to support the growth of educators and student achievement.

How is Northland achieving these outcomes?



- A book written by NSD students titled Finding Fire Within: by Reconnecting with the Land has received a lot of media attention. The published book was made possible with funding from our friends from Cenovus Energy. During the project, students listened to Elders during storytelling sessions. The students then received permission from the Elders to use their stories in a book. Visit our website to learn more <https://tinyurl.com/mw4tthdf>.

- In recognition and commitment to the Calls to Action to address reconciliation in Alberta, Northland School Division Board and Administration (NSD) supports the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with students and staff together with their families. All NSD schools and facilities were closed on Friday, September 30th to observe this important day. On September 29th, Northland schools wore orange shirts and hosted events to honour and bring awareness to the experiences of residential school students.



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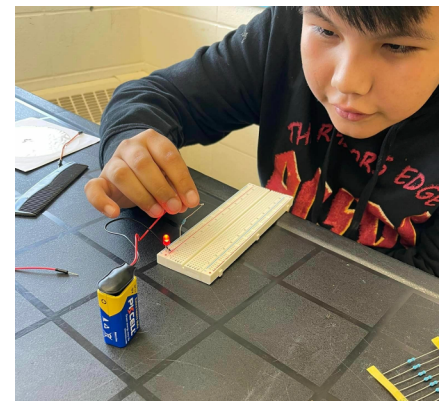
- Northland is focused on weaving local First Nations and Métis knowledge into the learning experiences. This deliberate programming enables students to see themselves in the curriculum and feel more connected to their identity.



- NSD once again implemented a common professional learning calendar. Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will focus on becoming more comfortable with the well researched practices to help students understand math. Educators in Grades 9-12 will focus on enhancing student engagement.

- TELUS World of Science - Edmonton continues to support Northland educators with science-related topics into the classroom environment. The Science in Motion teams organizes science-themed activities virtually and in-person!

- Northland continues to be in partnership with Mind-Fuel. Mind-Fuel is giving teachers the knowledge and tools to help students build microcontrollers and robots. The courses give students the skills and inspiration to explore science, technology, engineering and math related careers.



- A common high school calendar has great potential for increased student success. A great example of this is happening between Northland Online School teachers and with students located in other Northland schools. Students at Paddle Prairie School, Calling Lake School and Career Pathways School are taking courses they need to graduate via Zoom with the Northland Online School teachers

and other teachers throughout the school division.

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Priority 2: Excellence in Leadership

Through excellent leadership practices, everyone feels welcome and valued.

Outcome: Northland School Division employs a consistent process for reviewing school improvement and assurance.

Outcome: Northland School Division and school leadership models a welcoming learning and working environment that fosters a sense of belonging and pride for First Nations and Métis and non First Nations and Métis learners.

Outcome: Finances are well managed, decisions are supported by facts and stewardship is exemplary.

How is Northland achieving these outcomes?



• Professional Learning

◦ Northland hosted a New Teacher Orientation in August. The intent of the orientation was to introduce and assist the new teachers with understanding what they need to do to get off to a great start. The key areas of focus included; teaching in an Indigenous community, the importance of relationships and community engagement, planning for student success, an introduction to the people and resources to assist the teachers.



◦ Two days of professional learning were provided for 39 teachers to learn about the New K-3 curriculum. This represented 82 percent of the educators who will be teaching the new curriculum in Northland schools.

• Housing and Maintenance

◦ Northland continues to prioritize housing for teachers. 24 renovations have been completed out of the 37 initially planned. Once final inspections are done, 10 more renovations will be complete.

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Priority 3: Excellence in Relationships

Develop and actively promote healthy relationships with students, parents/guardians, staff, community and educational partners.

Outcome: Parents and community members engage in their school community and are involved in their child's education.

Outcome: Parents, guardians, communities and education partners are informed and involved in Northland School Division (NSD) plans, programs and progress through ongoing and effective communication.

Outcome: Northland School Division fosters purposeful and productive working relationships to collaboratively advance division operations to support student learning.

How is Northland achieving this outcome?

- Northland hosted a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Camp on September 30th. The target audience for this camp was parents and guardians. During the camp, parents and guardians learned from Elders the art of building a dry meat rack and how to properly cut the meat before it's cooked. They also listened to stories and developed a better understanding of their role in revitalizing local language and culture in their community.
- School Council representatives and Elders had a chance to learn and share during the Northland School Division Council of School Councils and Ward Council Workshop on October 20, 2022. The workshop is one way Northland School Division engages with communities to support student achievement.



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AWARD WINNING PARTNERSHIP!

NSD's educational partnership with TELUS World of Science - Edmonton won a Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASCADE) National Award! Northland and TELUS World of Science - Edmonton received recognition for their unique partnership. The reciprocal sharing of Indigenous culture with the TELUS World of Science - Edmonton employees and the sharing of the science opportunities developed by (TWOSE) has created great relationships for all involved. Through the use of technology, NSD has brought in more science knowledge into the classrooms.



- Northland School Division (NSD) welcomed a couple of education partners! The Breakfast Club of Canada and one of its corporate partners Danone Canada came to Mistassiniy School and Gift Lake School to celebrate an agreement they have in place with Northland School Division. The agreement supports eight Northland schools.





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