92% of students meeting expectations





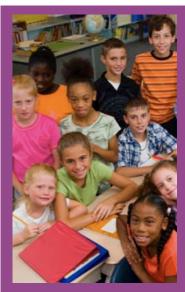
Improve Students' Numeracy Skills:

92% of students meeting expectations

Improve School Completion & Transition Rates:

90% of students meeting expectations





Increase
Socially
Responsible
Behaviour:

95% of students meeting expectations

## Summary of Achievement 2012/2013



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT CONTRACT

# SD43 Coquitlam

Learning without boundaries

2012-2015

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#### From the Board of Education for School District 43 (Coquitlam),

The Board of Education is pleased once again to highlight the progress made in student achievement over the past year in our District. The 2013 report provides evidence of our progress and the District's continued work toward its vision of Learning Without Boundaries. What you will see in this report is a renewed commitment to consistently high achievement in School District 43.

This past year saw the implementation of the Learning Improvement Fund, as well as a great start to the implementation of the Safe, Caring School Communities While we have one of the highest school completion rates in the province, we cannot lose sight of the fact that there is always room for improvement. We will continue to provide opportunities for all learners to improve their achievement in the areas of literacy, numeracy, transition and completion rates and social responsibility.

In keeping with Learning Without Boundaries, the District will heighten its focus on personalized learning to reach more students through its continued support of the Inquiry Hub, Neighbourhood Learning Centres, Transition Programs, Customized Learning Centre, Coquitlam Open Learning, Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE), Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL), Gifted Programs, Elite Performers in Coquitlam Program (EPIC), Reggio Influenced Program, Community Hubs & Community Schools, Montessori, International Baccalaureate, French Language Programs and the Mandarin Bilingual Program.

Even in the midst of budget challenges, through strong leadership, the hard work of our students, parent support and the skill and dedication of our staff, we will continue to nurture a collaborative culture across the system to help ensure student success.

> Melissa Hyndes Chair, Board of Education















- More than half of international students qualified
- \* The overall average high school mark for our international students is B or better.
- Over half of secondary school international students have native-like fluency in English

#### **District** Context June, 2013



#### **Demographics**

34,840 total students 4,774 EAL 4,987 special needs 3,221 French Immersion 1.227 Aboriginal 3,896 Open Learning 964 International 250 Alternate program

3,300 Continuing Ed.

5,000 Summer Learning

#### Student Support

Audiology Centre Challenge Centers Language Development Program Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) CLOC Autism Support Team Behaviour Support

Social Adjustment Program Teaching & Evaluation Centre SHARP

**HUB Community Schools** 

#### **Programs of Choice**

Advanced Placement Coquitlam Open Learning French Immersion Mandarin Bilingual Marathon Montessori International Baccalaureate International Education Sec. Apprenticeship Programs MACC & TALONS Inquiry Hub Reggio Influenced Program

Improve Students' Numeracy Skills

Improve School Completion & Transition Rates

Increase Socially Responsible Behaviour STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE ONE

# Planning That Supports A Cycle of Improvement

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE TWO

Evidencebased + Decision Making

"The vital 21st-Century skills that will drive new knowledge economies are integral to the agenda of personalized learning. Creativity, innovation, intellectual agility, teamwork, problem solving, flexibility, and adaptability to change are essential...Twenty-first-century schools must also embrace deeper virtues and values such as courage, compassion, service, sacrifice, long-term commitment and perseverance."

Hargreaves & Shirley, The Fourth Way

#### **Action Plans for Learning**

Action Plans for Learning (APLs) create the framework for the Achievement Contract. School goals must be meaningful and based on the needs of individual schools and their community, and determined by a clearly articulated need for improvement. These goals, combined with the District's vision for student learning, provide the scaffold for the Achievement Contract goals and inform educational services and programs.

#### **Integrated Community Literacy Plan**

We are working together to increase literacy learning success for all. The Integrated Community Literacy Plan



is a long-term process plan which focuses on dialogue and collaboration to meet the needs of all literacy learners in the community. The Achievement Contract provides the means to articulate the District's actions toward literacy achievement.

## **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement**

The sharing of similar strategies and district structures connects the Aboriginal Education Enhancement

Targets are embedded in each goal area to support the efforts of schools and the community to address the needs of Aboriginal students in all aspects of educational planning.

Agreement to the Achievement Contract.

#### **Personalization with Purpose**

Personalized Learning has multiple definitions including: elective programs, alternate delivery modes, independent learning pathways, differentiated instruction, caring learning communities and, engagement and self-regulated learning. How we might integrate these with our values, guided by social responsibility, and our dream of Learning Without Boundaries is a focus of inquiry for School District 43 as we seek to personalize learning to best serve the needs of every learner, every day helping them to become meaningful contributors to society.

#### **Authentic Assessment**

Our challenge is to create systemic, district-wide, authentic assessments that build confidence, bring hope and ensure learning for all students (Stiggins, 2003). The District, through the Staff Development Department, continues to increase the involvement of teachers in designing tasks tied to the BC Performance Standards which they mark and analyze to facilitate their planning for instruction. The district's Classroom Assessments Based on Teacher Judgement also gives an accurate indication of student progress. This data is integral to the Achievement Contract and district decision-making.



Improve Students' Numeracy Skills

Improve School Completion & Transition Rates

Increase Socially Responsible Behaviour STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE THREE

# Continuous Professional Development

School District 43's distinctive innovations for learning have become embedded in its culture. "These foundations for learning have shifted the focus from measuring student achievement to ensuring student learning, from private practice to collaborative inquiry, and from individual accountability to collective responsibility."

Wellman, 2003

#### **Living A Culture of Inquiry**

#### Professional Networks Series

This series promotes deeper learning throughout the school year as teams of teachers across the District meet for focused inquiry into areas such as: formative assessment, literacy, numeracy, technology integration, social responsibility, social and emotional learning and early learning.

#### Learning Partners

By partnering with educational leaders in various fields, the District benefits from the most current research and guidance toward the most promising practices.

#### Learning Improvement Fund

The Learning Improvement Fund has been used to provide school-based staffing and professional development to promote greater inclusion of all learners. Teachers are brought together several times a year for facilitated conversations around effective strategies and practices for inclusion and how to plan and work with other teachers in their schools.

#### **Action Research Learning Teams**

Small groups of educators meet as facilitated, teacherdirected teams for inquiry-based sessions focused on improving instructional practice and student learning. These can be school-based or involve collaboration



amongst teachers from several schools with similar questions. In 2012-2013 there were over 50 Learning Teams, involving more than 500 educators focused on personal professional development.

#### **Assessment For Learning**

Designed and assessed by classroom teachers, annual District-Wide Assessments of and for learning in the areas of reading and writing are used to inform classroom instruction for teachers and to inform the District. These sessions provide valuable collaborative time for teachers to learn from one another, establish agreed-on standards and create formative assessments.

#### **Emergent Curriculum**

A network of early learning educators including StrongStart Facilitators, Kindergarten and other primary teachers are sharing experiences and effective practices to promote play-based learning. They are also inquiring into how best to document learning in an emergent curriculum environment. Developed to provide the opportunity for deep inquiry into early learning pedagogy, a new Reggio influenced K-5 program of choice also provides an authentic environment to explore innovative practices.

#### **Integrating Technology and Instruction**

The integration of technology and instructional practices is supported through my43 virtual classrooms, District digital content and e-Resources, Technology Focus Groups and Learning Teams and Coquitlam Open Learning. Teachers are facilitated to collaborate on investigations into the most effective integration of technology for their classroom and school contexts.

#### **Leadership & Mentoring**

To promote shared leadership development that increases student learning, School District 43's Mentoring Matters is a formal mentoring structure for supporting and retaining new educators with less than five years experience. This structure has focused on areas of specialization such as: Student Services, EAL, Teachers Teaching on Call, Elementary, Primary, Middle, and Secondary.

Improve Students' Numeracy Skills

Improve School Completion & Transition Rates

Increase Socially Responsible Behaviour STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOUR & FIVE

## Student, Family & Community Engagement



In School District 43 effective innovations such as the Early Learning Focus Group inquiry, Engaging Middle Learners Group, Secondary School Success Project, and the UShapEd Student World Cafe have become internalized as schools work together. When local schools work together with community members, parents and businesses, then neighbourhoods of learning are created and a sense of collective responsibility for ensuring student learning develops.

#### **Student Voice**

The ongoing contributions that students, as partners in decision making, contribute to our district is deeply valued. Students are able to take part in this through the Student Leadership Council and by filling student seats on new and existing committees to lend their voice to the discussions and plans. Students' values, concerns and beliefs will be vital to putting Learning Without Boundaries into action.

## Family Play and Learn Night

These monthly community events for families and their children aged 3-10 are hosted in Coquitlam Centre mall. Coordinated through the partnership between School District 43, Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Committee, and the Tri-Cities public libraries, and using secondary and middle school student volunteers, the events are



designed to promote literacy and numeracy strategies to encourage education in the home. This year marked the fifth anniversary for this dynamic community partnership.

#### **Community Engagement**

School District 43 continues to reach out in many ways to engage the local community. Some examples include Neighbourhood Learning Centers located in the new schools being built and Early Care Centres within elementary schools. As well, the District is working in partnership with SFU to develop graduate programs for educators and mentoring structures to foster powerful

professionalism now and in the future. New this year was the use of "Thoughtstream", an online tool, to gather wider input from the community.

## School Planning Councils

Following input from school staffs, School Planning Councils (SPCs) discuss, adjust and submit Action Plans for Learning



(APLs) based on Board approved criteria. After review and feedback by Assistant Superintendents, SPCs resubmit their APL in September and update it throughout the year. The Action Plans for Learning are incorporated into the District Achievement Contract and Superintendent's Report to reflect significant goals and areas for focus for professional development.

#### **Learning Without Boundaries**

School District 43 engaged the whole system by drawing on stories from all members to determine "Learning Without Boundaries" as our "compelling and inclusive moral purpose" (Hargreaves and Shirley 2009) that best characterizes our community. Following up on the work of the Design Team of representative teachers, students and administrators, the implementation of what Learning Without Boundaries will look like is being forged. The systemic implementation of the dream will begin this coming year as we continue with innovations to prepare our learners for success in the 21st Century.

Improve Students' Numeracy Skills

Improve School Completion & Transition Rates

Increase Socially Responsible Behaviour STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE SIX

## Collaboration & System-Based Alignment

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE SEVEN

## Openness & Transparency Of District Information

Collaborative inquiry continues to define future efforts in School District 43 to ensure improving student achievement, and consequently, student learning. Educators working together in lively learning communities with an inquiry focused on the most promising instructional and assessment practices pushes people forward, draws people together, lifts them up, and helps them find the best in themselves and their students. Sharing and learning with other school districts, near and far, renews our focus and our values.

#### **Networks Between Schools**

Learning Teams provide the structure for small groups of educators from the same school or across schools to meet regularly for professional development. The Professional Networks Series offers opportunities for whole school staffs to come together with the outside voice of a learning partner to engage deeply throughout the school year with particular topics, including literacy, numeracy, formative assessment and early learning. Schools connect directly to the District through Learning Support Teachers. These educators focus on building networks and directly assisting educators to improve instruction, assessment and learning.

#### **Regional Networks**

School District 43 works with colleagues at all levels from other schools districts through various structures including: Coast Metro Consortium, Early Learning Network, Adolescent Literacy Network, Lower Mainland Math Coordinators, Learning Forward, Regional Mentoring Network, Teacher Mentorship BC, BCTF, BCPVPA, BCSSA and others. These connections provide valuable professional development opportunities. The district also hosts visiting educators from BC, Washington state and other countries to exchange ideas.

#### **District Advisory Committees**

The seven District Advisory Committees offer a forum for partner groups to come together to share information while reviewing, advising and making recommendations regarding priorities, plans and processes. The Advisory Committees reporting to the Superintendent include: Student Services, Aboriginal Education, Student Achievement, French, Educational Technology, Transition Education, and new for this year, Safe Schools.

#### **Openness and Transparency**

Recent technology innovations have included the development of district e-forms for a number of processes, including school planning. The Action Plans for Learning (APL) e-form is used as the format for all school achievement plans, which are available to the public on school websites. Required sections on the APL form includes school, district and provincial-level data, analysis and reflection.

#### **Learning Without Boundaries**

School District 43 engaged the whole system to collaboratively discover our inspiring dream drawing on stories from all members to determine "Learning Without Boundaries" as our "compelling and inclusive moral purpose" (Hargreaves and Shirley 2009) that best characterizes our community. A Design Team of partner group representatives defined the four pillars as:

- 1. Cultures of Care and Shared Responsibility Where Every Learner Matters
- 2. Engaged and Empowered Lifelong Learners
- 3. Flexible, Integrated, Diverse, and Active Learning Environments
- 4. Innovative, Sustainable Professional Learning and Shared Leadership



## Safe, Caring Learning Environments

"Creating a caring and safe educational environment is the foundation for both social-emotional learning and academic achievement, and teachers hold the key. Social and emotional skills create responsive, caring and inclusive classrooms and provide the foundation for building and sustaining learning relationships that lead to academic success and responsible citizenship."

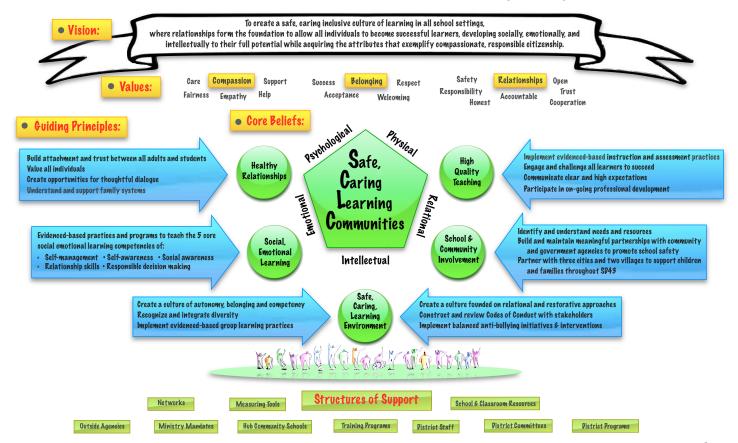
Kimberley A. Shonert-Reichl and Shelly Hymel, 2007

#### **Designing A Safe School Framework**

The Ministry of Education's E.R.A.S.E. initative created an opportunity for the school District to examine all of the practices, structures and resources that were contributing to safe school environments and student wellness. The Safe Schools Task Force was created to bring coherence to all of these pieces that have been in place. At the same, time there was the chance to combine this with the rich history and recent work being done in social responsibility and social and emotional learning in a such a way that all parts of the system could be safe, caring learning environments for every adult and child.

Drawing on the expertise of Dr. Shelly Hymel and Miriam Miller, the task force was asked to provide a synthesis of what the research says is necessary to create a safe learning environment. Their presentation focused on: CASEL's five competencies of social and emotional learning, the evidence of the importance of the classroom environment, the place of healthy relationships and the role of balanced anti-bullying interventions. This consultation led to the identification of five core beliefs and the guiding principles along with the values and vision that are represented in the graphic for the

Safe, Caring Learning Communities.



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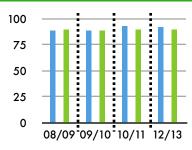


## **SUMMARY**

## LITERACY: Improve Students' Literacy Skills, K - 12

Target: 95% of students meeting expectations by 2015

Early Literacy (K - 1)



Oral Language, Shared Reading, Viewing and Writing Grade 1 Reading

#### Results

% of students meeting expectations

92 % of Kindergarten

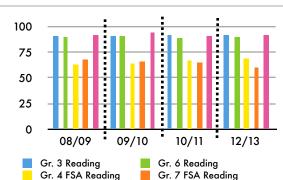
90 % of Grade 1

#### Indicators/Evidence

Teacher observations, Student and parent conferences, Student products and self evaluations CBA

DRA, QCA, K Developmental Continuum

Reading Students) Gr. 3



Gr. 9 Reading

#### **Results**

% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

92 % of Grade 3

90 % of Grade 6

70 % of Grade 4 FSA

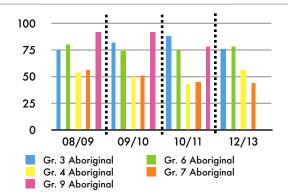
61 % of Grade 7 FSA

92 % of Grade 9

#### Indicators/Evidence

**CBA** DRA, QCA/RAD **FSA** 

Reading **Students** <u>comprehension</u>



10/11

12/13

Gr. 4 male FSA Writing

Gr. 7 male FSA Writing

Gr.9 male DWA Writing

09/10

#### Results

% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

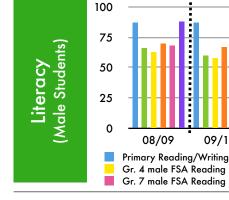
76 % of Gr. 3 Aboriginal

78 % of Gr. 6 Aboriginal

53 % of Gr. 4 Aboriginal

45 % of Gr. 7 Aboriginal N/A of Gr. 9 Aboriginal

**CBA** DRA, QCA/RAD **FSA** 



#### Results

% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

89 % of Primary male Reading/Writing

70 % of Gr. 4 FSA Reading/Writing

65 % of Gr. 7 FSA Reading/Writing

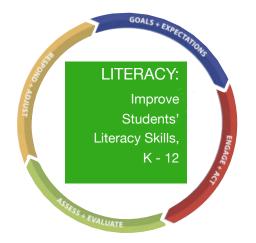
95 % of Grade 9 Writing

#### Indicators/Evidence

Indicators/Evidence

Teacher observations, student products for reading writing

**CBA** District-Wide Writing Assessment for Gr. 9 **FSA** 



#### GOALS + EXPECTATIONS

GOAL 1: Literacy		14 schools with 14 goals		
	Reading Comprehension	Writing	Other	Total
Elementary	6	5	1	12
Middle	1	_	-	1
Secondary	-	-	1	1

#### RATIONALE: WHY DID WE CHOOSE THIS GOAL?

#### **Action Plans for Learning**

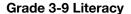
APLs indicate that improving reading comprehension continues to be a focus at Grade 3 through 9, with over 43% of APLs (14 schools with goals – 12 elementary, 1 middle, and 1 secondary) schools designating reading comprehension as a focus for improvement as of mid-June 2013.

#### **Early Literacy**

According to data from the Early Development Instrument in February 2006, 7.5% of all Kindergarten students are designated vulnerable in terms of language/cognitive development. According to the 2009 results on the Early Development Instrument, district-wide, the largest proportion of children who are vulnerable was on the Communication Skills and General Knowledge scale

(12.6%). Vulnerability increased from Wave 2 to 08/09 on all scales except Communication Skills.

In 2011, the vulnerability rate was 33%. The largest proportion of children who are vulnerable was on the Social Competence Scale (16%) and Communication Scale (13%). Vulnerability again increased as compared to Wave 2 and Wave 3 on all scales except Communication.



The achievement of male students continues to be of particular concern. Data indicates that in Grade 1, 3 and 6, more girls than boys are meeting, fully meeting or exceeding

expectations when assessed based on the BC Reading Performance Standards.

Of equal concern are Aboriginal students. These subgroups (male and Aboriginal students) continue to be a particular focus.

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROGRESS**

This performance target, established in 2007-2008 and reaffirmed in 2010, for the four objectives under the Literacy goal is in each case to achieve 95% of students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015. At this time, although we continue to progress towards meeting the performance target for Literacy, the target is not yet met.





#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**

## **OBJECTIVE 1.1: EARLY LITERACY -** maximize Grade K-1 literacy skills (reading, writing, oral language)

#### **KINDERGARTEN**

#### **GRADE 1**

92% of students were meeting expectations.

90% of students were meeting expectations.

**TARGET** - 95% meeting overall by 2015

#### STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

Kindergarten teachers continue to be encouraged to use the Kindergarten Learning Project materials to inform instruction and to report on Kindergarten student progress on formal reports.

45 elementary schools participated in the Welcome to Kindergarten program developed by The Learning Partnership. This program helps parents to support the development of readiness skills for children in their Kindergarten entry year.

12 elementary schools and 1 middle school house a StrongStart BC program.

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.2: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION -**

improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills

#### **GRADE 3**

92% of Grade 3 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 70% of students are meeting expectations on FSA Reading in Grade 4.

#### **GRADE 6**

90% of Grade 6 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 61% of students are meeting expectations on FSA Reading in Grade 7.

#### **GRADE 9**

92% of Grade 9 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards).

**TARGET** - 95% meeting overall by 2015

#### STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS: Not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

Rreading comprehension goals have been identified as a focus in elementary, middle, and secondary school APLs. Schools are continuing to work to:

- Reduce the number of students who are not meeting expectations.
- Ensure students who are meeting expectations in June 2013 continue to progress and meet expectations for the next grade.

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.3: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION:**

**Aboriginal Students -** improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills of Aboriginal Students

#### **GRADE 3**

76% of Aboriginal Grade 3 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 53% of Aboriginal students are meeting expectations on FSA Reading in Grade 4.

#### **GRADE 6**

78% of Aboriginal Grade 6 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 45% of Aboriginal students are meeting expectations on FSA Reading in Grade 7.

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS: Not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

The number of Aboriginal students at any grade is very small. Participation in assessments and inclusion in school data needs to be carefully monitored to ensure that all Aboriginal students are being "counted".

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.4: LITERACY MALE STUDENTS - improve**

literacy achievement of male students

#### **MALE STUDENTS**

Fewer male than female students meet or exceed expectations for reading and writing at all grade levels, on Classroom Assessments, District-Wide Assessments, and FSA Reading and Writing.

89% of male students in the primary grades were meeting expectations in literacy on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 70% of Grade 4 male students are meeting expectations on FSA Writing and FSA Reading (combined). 65% of Grade 7 male students are meeting expectations on FSA Writing and FSA Reading (combined).

**TARGET** - 95% meeting overall by 2015

**STATEMENT OF PROGRESS**: Not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

Differences between male and female achievement are particularly striking when the top two scale points (exceeding and fully meetings) are combined. The increasing literacy demands in school and society make it essential that the percentage of boys who are able to achieve at a high level (e.g. fully meeting or exceeding expectations) must increase.







OBJECTIVE 1.1: EARLY LITERACY - maximize Grade K-1 literacy skills (reading, writing, oral language)

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1.0 FTE Early Learning Focus K-12 Coordinator	Organize and co-ordinate professional development for curriculum implementation, instruction and assessment practices for literacy at all levels and implementation of early learning initiatives
1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator	Support the Learning Without Boundaries initiative and identify classroom- and whole-school innovations, connecting teachers and schools in inquiry and dialogue
1.0 LIF Learning Support Teacher with a Focus on Elementary	Focus on and support elementary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at elementary schools
LIF Staffing - quality teaching in inclusive classrooms	This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas requiring additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
Welcome to Kindergarten 45 elementary schools	Familiarize children and their families with the school environment and begin or continue relationships with educators in their neighbourhood school. Introduce activities that parents can do at home with their children to improve school readiness
Kindergarten Learning Project: Developmental Criteria	Continue to support implementation as use of continua to guide instruction for early learners
Family Play and Learn Nights For children aged 3-10 and their families	Held monthly at the Coquitlam Centre mall
Mandarin Bilingual Program Expanding to Grade 4	Continue to implement a new Mandarin Bilingual Program in one school
StrongStart School Library Access Project	Children registered in District StrongStart programs are provided with access to the school's teacher-librarian for programming, and with book exchange privileges
1.0 FTE Language, Culture and Identity Coordinator	Works with teachers in an inquiry-based approach to improve learning success and organize and coordinate professional development for teachers of French, Mandarin and other languages
Learning Team: Réseau maternelle	Support French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers implementing Full Day Kindergarten
Reggio Influenced Program K-5	Implement Reggio Influcenced practices in a mult-grade environment. Emergent, project-based curriculum and documentation of learning

#### Ready-Set-Learn

Three-year-old children and their parents from each elementary school catchment area receive a book and attend a local RSL event. A Family of Schools model was implemented with administrators from each school planning a collaborative event with the support of the Staff Development early learning team, StrongStart facilitators and the community ECD table

Familiarize children and their families with the school environment and begin relationships with educators in their neighbourhood school. Begin to foster an appreciation for and understanding of literacy by sharing language games, discussing the importance of reading with children daily and discussing child development in relation to reading and oral language development

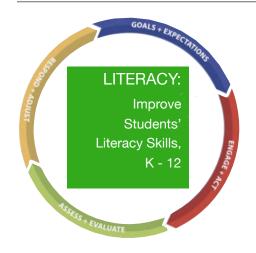
#### OBJECTIVE 1.2: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION - improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills

Professional Network Series	Support teachers in accessing the latest research-based instructional practices from educational leaders
Learning Teams: Reading Comprehension Focus	Improve instructional practice in reading comprehension in a research focused inquiry-based model of action research for over teachers released for up to three afternoons with a facilitator
RELI (Ressource d'Evaluation de la Lecture en Immersion) and Quick Comprehension Assessment (non- fiction)	Continue the implementation of a standard district-wide classroom-based reading assessment process to inform classroom literacy instruction across content areas and identify areas for district-wide instructional support for English and French language arts
Idélire French Immersion literature familiarization program	Foster an appreciation for French-Canadian literature and understanding of literacy through classroom presentations by authors and/or illustrators
1.0 FTE Information, Technology and Libraries Coordinator	Organize and coordinate professional development in technology and information literacy. Support school library programs and services with the focus of improving literacy defined broadly for all learners
1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher - Elementary Focus	Focus on and support elementary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at elementary schools
1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher - Middle and Secondary Focus	Focus on and support middle and secondary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at middle and secondary schools
School Library Programs Teacher-Librarians	Continue providing inquiry-based programs and high quality, multi-format learning resources toward developing students' capacity as 21st-Century learners and improving students' literacy success
Fast ForWord Literacy Support Program and Assistive Technology	Implement computer-based programs to address differentiated needs and to improve reading success

## **OBJECTIVE 1.3: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION: Aboriginal Students -** improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills of Aboriginal Students

See Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Report - Year Six

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.4: LITERACY: Male Students -** improve literacy achievement of male students



#### **ASSESS + EVALUATE**

#### INDICATORS/EVIDENCE - What data did we look at?

#### Kindergarten and Grade 1

School identification of K-1 students currently in need of support in terms of reading/writing using a variety of data (including specific assessment tools such as teacher observations, student and parent conferences, student products, and student self evaluations, Kindergarten developmental continua, DRA, QCA).

#### Classroom Assessments

Teacher judgment base on BC Performance Standards scale, drawn from a variety of sources of evidence, including: observations, documentation of learning, peer and self assessment as well as a standard measures of reading (e.g. DRA, RAD, QCA)

FSA Reading

Grade 4 and 7

**District-Wide Assessments** 

District assessments of writing at Grade 9

improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills

**OBJECTIVE 1.2: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION -**

**OBJECTIVE 1.1: EARLY LITERACY -** *maximize Grade K-1 literacy skills (reading, writing, oral language)* 

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

Kindergarten Oral Language, Shared Reading and Viewing

and Writing

Percentage of students at each level

n = 1601 (73% part.) Aboriginal = 47

	All	F	М	Ab
AP	10	12	8	2
DV	53	57	48	26
BG	30	25	34	45
EM	8	6	10	28

AP - Approaching

DV - Developing

**BG** - Beginning

EM - Emerging

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013) Grade 3, Grade 6, Grade 9 Reading

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Reading Performance Standards

Gr. 3 n = 1676 (79% part.) Gr. 6 n = 1540 (69% part.) Gr. 9 n = 85 (3% part.)

	Gr. 3	Gr. 6	Gr. 9
EX	10	15	18
FM	57	45	47
ММ	25	30	27
NY	8	10	8

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

Grade 1 Reading

Percentage of students at each level

n = 1663 (80% part.) Aboriginal = 42

	All	F	М	Ab
EX	15	17	12	12
FM	47	47	47	29
ММ	28	27	30	21
NY	11	9	12	38

FSA READING (February 2013)

Grade 4 and Grade 7 Reading

Percentage of students meeting expectations

Gr. 4 n = 2073 (70% part.) Gr. 7 n = 2313 (62% part.)

	Gr. 4	Gr. 7
EX	10	7
М	60	54
NY	16	20

## **OBJECTIVE 1.3: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION: Aboriginal Students -** *improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills of Aboriginal Students*

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

Grade 3, Grade 6, Grade 9 Reading - Aboriginal Students

Percentage of Aboriginal students at each level of the BC Reading Performance

Standards

Gr. 3 n = 55Gr. 6 n = 41Gr. 9 n = 0

	Gr. 3	Gr. 6	Gr. 9
EX	1	2	ı
FM	46	32	1
ММ	31	44	-
NY	24	22	-

FSA READING (February 2013)

Grade 4 and Grade 7 Reading - Aboriginal Students

Percentage of Aboriginal students meeting expectations

Gr. 4 n = 84Gr. 7 n = 89

	Gr. 4	G4. 7
EX	4	3
М	49	42
NY	19	22

#### **ASSESS + EVALUATE**

#### OBJECTIVE 1.4: LITERACY: Male Students - improve literacy achievement of male students

#### CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

#### Grade 1 Reading

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Reading Performance Standards

n = 1663 (80% part.)

	F	М
EX	17	12
FM	47	47
ММ	27	30
NY	9	12

## CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

## Grade 9 Writing - Female/Male Students

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Writing Performance Standards n = 157 (6% part.)

	F	М
EX	9	15
FM	31	33
ММ	52	45
NY	8	7

#### CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

## Grade 2 Writing - Female/Male Students

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Writing Performance Standards

n = 1660 (79% part.)

	F	М
EX	9	4
FM	58	48
ММ	26	35
NY	8	13

## DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENT (October 2012)

## Grade 9 Writing - Female/Male Students

n = 583 (approx. 48% of Gr. 9s taking English in term 1; 24% part. of Gr. 9s total)

	F	М
6	15	8
5	34	21
4	36	46
3	12	22
2	3	3
1	-	-
0	-	-

#### CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

## Grade 3 Reading - Female/Male Students

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Reading Performance Standards

n = 1676 (69% part.)

	F	М
EX	10	9
FM	61	53
ММ	23	27
NY	6	11

## DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENT (February 2013)

## Grade 9 Writing - Female/Male Students

n = 543 (approx. 44% of Gr. 9s taking English in term 2; 22% part. of Gr. 9s total)

	F	М
6	11	10
5	29	25
4	43	43
3	15	17
2	2	4
1	-	1
0	-	-

#### CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

## Grade 6 Reading - Female/Male Students

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Reading Performance Standards

n = 1540 (89% part.)

	F	М
EX	19	11
FM	52	39
ММ	24	36
NY	5	15

#### FSA READING (February 2013) Grade 4 and Grade 7 Reading

#### Female/Male Students -

Percentage of students meeting expectations Gr. 4: female n = 997; male n = 1076 Gr. 7; female n = 1115; male n = 1198

	Grade 4		Gra	de 7
	F	М	F	М
12/13	73	67	66	58
11/12	72	66	64	56
10/11	71	64	69	61
09/10	68	58	70	62

#### CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013)

## Grade 9 Reading - Female/Male Students

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Reading Performance Standards

n = 85 (3% part.)

	F	М
EX	23	15
FM	45	48
ММ	19	32
NY	13	6

## FSA WRITING (February 2013) *Grade 4 and Grade 7 Writing - Female/Male Students*

Percentage of students meeting expectations

Gr. 4: female n = 997; male n = 1076 Gr. 7; female n = 1114;

male n = 1198

	Grade 4		Gra	de 7
	F	М	F	М
12/13	82	73	78	71
11/12	78	69	76	69
10/11	77	70	80	69
09/10	72	60	77	67



#### **Completed Actions**

District Kindergarten Action Research – From Themes to Projects

District Primary Action Research – Emergent Curriculum

District Primary Action Research – Naturebased Learning

Strong Classrooms, Strong Schools Project

Learning Team: Teaching and Assessing Using Trait-Based Writing: Grades K-5

- 3.0 FTE Learning Support Teachers (K-5, Intermediate/Middle, Secondary)
- 1.0 FTE French Immersion Learning Support Teacher
- 1.0 FTE Elementary, Early Learning and Literacy Coordinator
- 1.0 Learning Support Teacher with a Focus on Kindergarten and Grade One
- 1.0 Learning Support Teacher with a Focus on Middle Schools (grades 6-8)
- 1.0 Learning Support Teacher with a Focus on Secondary Schools (grades 9-12)

#### **RESPOND + ADJUST**

#### **Continuing Actions**

Welcome to Kindergarten

Ready-Set-Learn

Family Play and Learn Nights

Kindergarten Learning Project: Developmental Continua

Reggio Influenced Program K - 5

District Grade K-1 Action Research - Primary Educational Philosophies

StrongStart School Library Access Project

Grade 4 Reading Project

1.0 FTE Language, Culture and Identity Coordinator

Mandarin Bilingual Program

Réseau maternelle

Professional Network Series

Learning Teams: Reading Comprehension Focus

RELI (Ressource d'Evaluation de la Lecture en Immersion) and Quick Comprehension Assessment (non-fiction)

Idélire

1.0 FTE Information, Technology and Libraries Coordinator

School Library Programs

Fast ForWord Literacy Support Program and Assistive Technology

Grade 9 District-Wide Writing Assessment LIF Staffing

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.1: EARLY LITERACY -**

maximize Grade K-1 literacy skills (reading, writing, oral language)

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

**OBJECTIVE 1.2: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION -** improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

## OBJECTIVE 1.3: GRADE 3-9 READING COMPREHENSION: Aboriginal Students -

improve Grade 3-9 reading comprehension skills of Aboriginal Students

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

#### **OBJECTIVE 1.4: LITERACY: Male**

**Students -** improve literacy achievement of male students

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.



#### **New Actions**

- 1.0 FTE Early Learning Focus K-12 Coordinator
- 1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator
- 1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher : focus on Elementary
- 1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher: focus on Middle and Secondary

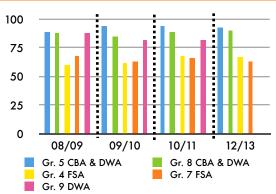


## **SUMMARY**

## NUMERACY: Improve Students' Numeracy Skills, K - 12

Target: 95% of students meeting expectations by 2015

Problem - Soving (Grades 4 - 9))



#### Results

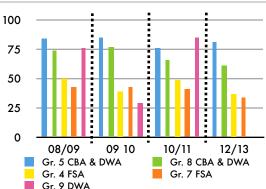
% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

93 % of Gr. 5 90 % of Gr. 8 67 % of Gr. 4 FSA 63 % of Gr. 7 FSA N/A of Gr. 9 (DWA)

#### Indicators/Evidence

Classroom Assessment Based on Teacher Judgement FSA for Grades 4 and 7

Problem - Soving (Aboriginal Students)



#### Results

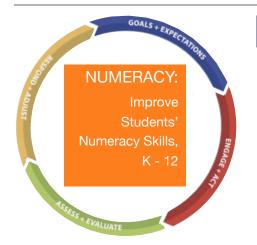
% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

81 % of Gr. 5 61 % of Gr. 8 37 % of Gr. 4 FSA 34 % of Gr. 7 FSA N/A of Gr. 9

#### Indicators/Evidence

Classroom Assessment Based on Teacher Judgement FSA for Grades 4 and 7





#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**

GOAL 2: Numeracy		5 schools with 5 goals	
	Problem Solving	Other	Total
Elementary	1	3	4
Middle	-	1	1

#### RATIONALE: WHY DID WE CHOOSE THIS GOAL?

#### **Action Plans for Learning**

5 schools have numeracy as a school goal (4 elementary schools, 1 middle schools) as of mid-June 2013. APLs indicate an ongoing focus on problem-solving and students' ability to demonstrate mathematical thinking through representation and communication.

#### **CONTINUED INQUIRY**

We are continuing to inquire into how math instruction, with a focus on numeracy, is increasing engagement and achievement in mathematics.

#### **Problem-Solving Skills and Strategies**

In general, performance levels on the Classroom Assessment Based on Teacher Judgment are higher for younger students (Grade 5) than for older students (Grade 8 and 9). Past District-Wide Assessments suggest older students in particular have some difficulty applying their numeracy skills in problem-solving situations, especially in the area of Representation and Communication (BC Performance Standards), but this continues to improve.

#### **Aboriginal Students**

There is a gap between Aboriginal student performance and the performance of other students on numeracy assessments, including Classroom Assessments, District-Wide Assessments, and the FSA Numeracy. Although these results are based on relatively few students at any one grade (60-100 depending on grade and assessment), they are a continuing concern.

Aboriginal numeracy achievement continues to be a serious concern for a number of reasons. Overall results are low, results are mixed on different measures, and the results for Grade 8 are generally lower than for Grade 5.

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROGRESS

The performance target, established in 2007-2008 and reaffirmed in 2010, for the two objectives under the Numeracy goal is in each case to achieve 95% of students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015. At this time, although we continue to progress towards meeting the performance target, the target is not yet met for Numeracy.

#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**

**OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROBLEM-SOLVING GRADES 4-9 -** *improve* students' problem-solving skills and strategies in Grades 4-9

#### **GRADE 5**

93% of students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 67% of students are meeting expectations on the FSA Numeracy in Grade 4.

#### **GRADE 8**

90% of students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 63% of students are meeting expectations on the FSA Numeracy in Grade 7.

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

**STATEMENT OF PROGRESS:** Met in Grade 5 on one measure; otherwise, not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

Beginning in Spring 2004, the district explored and field-tested a district-wide performance task in Grade 5 and 8 (English). The focus of this task shifted from overall numeracy to Representation and Communication in 2005. In 2006, the district piloted a Grade 9 task and in 2009 the district piloted French language tasks (Gr. 5/8).

**OBJECTIVE 2.2: PROBLEM-SOLVING: Aboriginal Students -** improve Aboriginal students' performance in the area of problem-solving skills and strategies

#### **GRADE 5**

81% of Aboriginal Grade 5 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 37% of Aboriginal students are meeting expectations on the FSA Numeracy in Grade 4.

#### **GRADE 8**

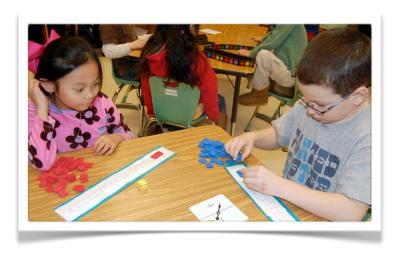
61% of Aboriginal Grade 8 students were meeting expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). 34% of Aboriginal students are meeting expectations on the FSA Numeracy in Grade 7.

**TARGET** - 95% meeting overall by 2015

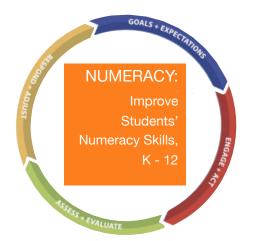
STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

The number of Aboriginal students at any grade is very small. From year to year the number of Aboriginal students who may write the task can vary greatly. Participation in assessments and inclusion in school data needs to be carefully monitored to ensure that all Aboriginal students are being "counted".











OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROBLEM-SOLVING GRADES 4-9 - improve students' problem-solving skills and strategies in Grades 4-9

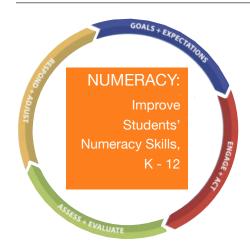
1.0 FTE Early Learning Focus K-12 Coordinator	Organize and co-ordinate professional development for curriculum implementation, instruction and assessment practices for literacy at all levels and implementation of early learning initiatives
1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator	Support the Learning Without Boundaries initiative and identify classroom- and whole-school innovations, connecting teachers and schools in inquiry and dialogue
1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher - Elementary Focus	Focus on and support elementary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at elementary schools
1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher - Middle and Secondary Focus	Focus on and support middle and secondary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at elementary schools
LIF Staffing - quality teaching in inclusive classrooms	This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas requiring additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
Learning Teams: Numeracy Focus Teachers meeting to inquire into numeracy practices with a facilitator.	Improve instructional practices in numeracy in a research-focused inquiry-based action research model

**OBJECTIVE 2.2: PROBLEM-SOLVING: Aboriginal Students -** improve Aboriginal students' performance in the area of problem-solving skills and strategies

See Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Report - Year Six







#### **ASSESS + EVALUATE**

#### INDICATORS/EVIDENCE - What data did we look at?

#### **Classroom Assessments**

Teacher judgment based on a variety of evidence, including BC Numeracy Performance Standards, student products, and teacher observations at Grade 5 and 8

FSA Numeracy

Grade 4 and 7

**OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROBLEM-SOLVING GRADES 4-9 -** *improve* students' problem-solving skills and strategies in Grades 4-9

## CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013) **Grade 5 and Grade 8 Mathematics**

Percentage of students at each level of the BC Numeracy Performance Standards

Gr. 5 n = 1665 (77% part.) Gr. 8 n = 1746 (73% part.)

	Gra	de 5	Gra	de 8
	F	М	F	М
Ex	19	18	22	19
FM	53	52	52	43
ММ	22	23	22	28
NY	6	8	10	12

**OBJECTIVE 2.2: PROBLEM-SOLVING: Aboriginal Students -** improve Aboriginal students' performance in the area of problem-solving skills and strategies

## CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013) **Grade 5 and Grade 8 Mathematics - Aboriginal Students**

Percentage of Aboriginal students at each level of the BC Numeracy Performance Standards

Gr. 5 n = 57Gr. 8 n = 51

	Gr.	Gr. 8
EX	5	-
FM	28	37
ММ	47	24
NY	19	39

## FSA NUMERACY (February 2013) **Grade 4 and Grade 7 Numeracy**

Percentage of students meeting expectations

Gr. 4 n = 2073 (67% part.) Gr. 7 n = 2313 (63% part.)

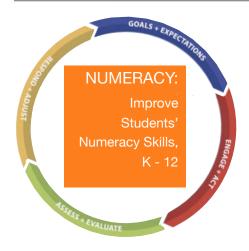
	Gr. 4	Gr. 7
12/13	67	63
11/12	67	59
10/11	68	66
09/10	62	63

## FSA NUMERACY (February 2013) Grade 4 and Grade 7 Numeracy Aboriginal Students

Percentage of students meeting expectations

Gr. 4 n = 84Gr. 7 n = 89

	Gr. 4	Gr. 7
12/13	37	34
11/12	47	35
10/11	49	41
09/10	39	43



#### **Completed Actions**

1.0 FTE Middle School and Numeracy K-12 Coordinator

Leaps & Bounds - differentiation in math

Secondary Instruction In Mathematics Focus Group (SIMS)

3 part series Basic Math Facts Strategies K-8

District-Wide Assessment Task Design Teams

2 part series Numeracy Tasks in the Classroom for K-5 with Carole Fullerton

#### **New Actions**

- 1.0 FTE Early Learning Focus Coordinator
- 1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator
- 1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher : focus on Elementary
- 1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher: focus on Middle and Secondary



#### **RESPOND + ADJUST**

#### **Continuing Actions**

Learning Teams: Numeracy Focus LIF Staffing



**OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROBLEM-SOLVING GRADES 4-9 -** improve students'
problem-solving skills and strategies in
Grades 4-9

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.

**OBJECTIVE 2.2: PROBLEM-SOLVING: Aboriginal Students -**

improve Aboriginal students' performance in the area of problemsolving skills and strategies

TARGET - 95% meeting overall by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.



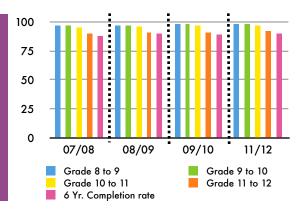


## **SUMMARY**

## TRANSITIONS: Improve School Completion and Transition Rates

Targets: 95% of students transitioning from grade to grade by 2015 95% of students completing their Dogwood in six years by 2015





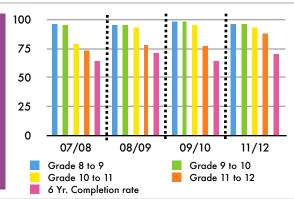
#### Results 2011 - 2012

98 % transition from
Gr. 8 - 9 - 10
97 % transition from
Gr. 10 - 11
92 % transition from
Gr. 11 - 12
90 % completion rate for
Six-year Dogwood
(including non-residents)

#### Indicators/Evidence

Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rate

# Transition Rates Aboriginal Students)



#### Results 2011 - 2012

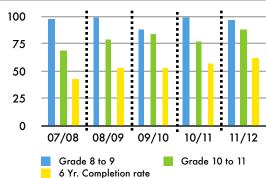
96 % transition from

Gr. 8 - 9 - 10
93 % transition from
Gr. 10 - 11
88 % transition from
Gr. 11 - 12
70 % completion rate for
Six-year Dogwood

#### Indicators/Evidence

Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rate

# Transition Rates Students with Challenging Behaviours)



#### Results 2011 - 2012

97 % transition from

Gr. 8 - 9 88 % transition from Gr. 10 - 11 62 % completion rate for Six-year Dogwood

## Indicators/Evidence

Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rate









#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**

GOAL 3: Transitions		4 schools with 5 goals	
	Grade-to-Grade	Completion Rates	Total
Secondary	1	4	5

#### RATIONALE: WHY DID WE CHOOSE THIS GOAL?

#### **Action Plans for Learning**

4 secondary schools have 5 goals on grade-to-grade transitions and/or school completion as of mid-June 2013.

#### **CONTINUED INQUIRY**

How effective are our newly implemented initiatives—the Inquiry Hub, Community Hub Schools, CIL 10/11, ELSA Youth Class, Welcome Class, and LIF Network, expanded career certification programs such as SSA and ACE-IT, increased post-secondary partnerships/dual credit opportunities, and an increased focus on building socially responsible school communities, supporting students in care and working with students least likely to meet graduation requirements—in providing quality opportunities to ensure students achieve their Dogwood?

#### **All Students**

Transition rates from Grade 6 through to Grade 11 are consistently high, currently 97-98%, and are 92% from Grade 11-12. The six-year Dogwood completion rate indicates that 90% of students (including non-residents) are graduating within six years. 85% of our students last enrolled in 2005-2006 had transitioned to BC post-secondary institutions by 2009-2010 according to our most recent report from 2010-2011. School District 43 ranks as one of the top school districts for post-secondary transition, graduation, and completion rates in British Columbia. In all cases, rates for School District 43 are above the provincial rate.

#### **Aboriginal Students**

The latest grade-to-grade transition rates results indicate that 5% of Aboriginal students are not advancing from Grade 9 to Grade 10, 7% are not advancing from Grade 10 to Grade 11 and 12% are not advancing from Grade 11 to 12. The six-year Dogwood completion rate for Aboriginal students is 70%. These transition and completion rates are based on approximately 100 students per grade level. While the completion rate is improving, the low rate of completion for these students compared to the general population is a significant concern and a continuing focus of our ongoing research on students who do not graduate.

#### Students with Behaviour Challenges

The six-year Dogwood completion rate for students with identified behaviour challenges (Category H and R) has increased over time and is now 62%. Transition rates for students in Grade 6 through 9 continue to mirror the typical student population. While rates continue to be steady, and data are based on a relatively small number of students (between 28 and 55 depending on the grade level), and although there has been a continual increase, the Grade 10-11 and 11-12 transition rate and the six-year completion rate continue to be significantly lower than the typical student population and students with behaviour challenges remain a target group for further study and intervention.

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROGRESS

The performance target, established in 2007-2008 and reaffirmed in 2010, for the three objectives under the Transitions goal, is in each case to achieve 95% of students transitioning to the next grade level and completing their Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within 6 years - by 2015. At this time, although we continue to progress towards meeting the performance target as noted above, and it has been met in some of our secondary schools, the district performance target is not yet met for Transitions.



#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**



**OBJECTIVE 3.1: TRANSITION RATES: All Students-** improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years

#### **GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES**

Overall transition rates continue to be strong.

TARGET - Increase to 95% transitioning from grade-to-grade by 2015

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD COMPLETION RATES

The six-year Dogwood completion rate is now 90% and reflects a pattern of continued high completion rates.

TARGET - Increase to 95% of all students completing their six-year Dogwood by 2015

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Met for Grade 8-11 transitions and met in some schools, but otherwise not met at the district level.

#### **COMMENTS**

A recent focus has been the implementation of course and program options that increase the customization and personalization of learning and allow students to earn credits toward graduation requirements while maintaining rigor and high standards, particularly for our most vulnerable learners. We have seen participation in our personalized learning and distributed learning options grow significantly. We also continue to offer the EPIC (Elite Performers in Coquitlam) program across all middle and secondary sites which is a personalized and customized program for high performing musicians, athletes and actors enrolling over 100 students across the district.

A project to better identify, monitor and support students at risk for not graduating has resulted in part in the identification of risk populations including: EAL students, students designated in any of the Ministry behaviour categories, and students not meeting expectations on the Grade 7 Reading FSA. Schools are presenting granular student information regarding their specific population of students at risk for not graduating. All schools have adopted the same standards for reporting graduating and non-graduating students and have implemented monthly counsellor and administrator meetings to closely track and monitor students in high risk categories. The district has developed a database of all non-graduating students after their fifth year and is tracking, monitoring, and supporting transition of the students to adult learning environments until each student graduates, can no longer be found or has asked to be removed from the list. In addition, students identified as EAL have been researched as a specific population and the EAL Student Services Coordinator and EAL psychologist are working with this data to better understand factors that place this population at risk. The third year of the project involved identifying students who are in our "high risk" categories and yet successfully graduate.

Research will be done with these students continuing into year 5 to identify patterns in their resiliency that can then inform programming and interventions for similar students not demonstrating the same resiliency.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: TRANSITION RATES: Aboriginal Students - improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years (Aboriginal students)

#### **GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES**

Relatively small numbers of Aboriginal students in each grade contribute to unstable patterns.

**TARGET** - Sustain or increase transition rates to 95% by 2015 for Aboriginal students in Grade 8 to 12 with particular focus on programming and initiatives specifically to support this target group

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD COMPLETION RATES

Continue to create a pattern of steady increases in the percentage of Aboriginal students completing school until their results approximate those of other students.

**TARGET** - Increase to 95% of Aboriginal students completing their Dogwood in six years by 2015

**STATEMENT OF PROGRESS**: Met for Grade 8-10 transitions, but otherwise not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

We want to sustain the gains made to date and continue to improve upon those gains. Because there are generally fewer than 100 Aboriginal students in any grade, year-to-year variations are expected. We need to look for consistent patterns of increase over time. The Aboriginal Education Department has recently undergone a restructuring to provide highly personalized learning support for our most at risk Aboriginal learners.

OBJECTIVE 3.3: TRANSITION RATES: Students with behaviour challenges - improve grade-to-grade transition rates for students with Behaviour Challenges (Category H and R) from Grade 8 to 12 and the number of students with Behaviour Challenges earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within 6 years

#### GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES

Relatively small numbers of students with behaviour challenges in each grade contribute to unstable patterns.

**TARGET** - Sustain or increase transition rates to 95% by 2015 for students with behaviour challenges in Grade 8 to 12 with particular focus on programming and initiatives specifically to support this target group

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD COMPLETION RATES

Continue to create a pattern of steady increases in the percentage of students identified with a behaviour disability completing school until their results approximate those of other students.

**TARGET** - Increase to 95% of students with behaviour challenges completing their Dogwood in six years by 2015

**STATEMENT OF PROGRESS**: Met for Grade 8 to 9 transitions but otherwise not met.

#### **COMMENTS**

The number of Aboriginal students at any grade is very small. Participation in assessments and inclusion in school data needs to be carefully monitored to ensure that all Aboriginal students are being "counted".











**OBJECTIVE 3.1: TRANSITION RATES: All Students-** improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years

1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher - Middle and Secondary Focus	Focus on and support middle and secondary teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at middle and secondary schools
Secondary Success Graduation Initiative	To develop a strategy to strengthen the monitoring and support of students at risk for not graduating:  1. Identify characteristics of students in risk groups who HAVE graduated to build resiliency profile
2012-2013 - Trend reporting, school level and population disaggregation	2. Articulate individual school graduate/non-graduate profiles and population implications 3. Articulate district level strategies for transitioning and tracking beyond the 5 <sup>th</sup> year to maintain connection/invitation to system until Dogwood attained.  INCREASE GRADUATION RATE – INCREASE LIFE CHANCES
Student Leadership Council	Continue to support this structure which engages students in dialogue and education to empower them in supporting themselves and their peers
In-District Challenge Process	A process/protocol that supports students in maximizing learning opportunities and ensures that a metro challenge process is also available to qualified students
DELF (Diplome d'études de langue française)	An opportunity for French Immersion and other students to acquire external credits and a diploma for their proficiency in the French language
Coquitlam Open Learning SD43's distributed learning program	Allows teachers and K-12 and adult students to learn together in both a face-to-face environment and virtually for flexibility and increased success. This program spans all secondary schools and welcomes external students to our school district
TALONS Program for Gifted Learners	A self-directed district program involving cluster grouping of gifted learners at the Grade 9/10 level
EPIC (Elite Performers in Coquitlam) Program Middle and secondary	The purpose of the program is to facilitate families and schools working in partnership to ensure that students who are elite performers in athletics, theatre, music, dance and modeling are able to build educational programs that maximize success in meeting Graduation Program requirements, post secondary goals and achieving potential in their discipline
Board Authority Authorized Courses	Full implementation of Board Authority Authorized courses supporting District Academies, student and educator talents and passions and student learning needs

1.0 FTE Trades and Transitions Coordinator	Working across all levels of the system to facilitate career and transition experiences for all SD43 students from elementary to post-secondary
1.0 FTE Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) Learning Support Teacher	Continuation of a seconded teacher for a 5 <sup>th</sup> year to promote SSA within each school as well as to find apprenticeship jobs for the students
1.0 FTE Learning Innovations Coordinator K-12	Support the Learning Without Boundaries initiative and identify classroom- and whole-school innovations, connecting teachers and schools in inquiry and dialogue
Career Development Network Secondary administrators and Assistant Superintendent	Investigate career development in its current context. Initiate career program review and investigation in preparation for possible future opportunities – ACE-IT and SSA opportunities
Apprenticeship Advisory Network  Three meetings throughout the year	The network includes representatives from post-secondary and employers from the construction, transportation and the hospitality and food industries
Career Development Focus Group  Each school will be represented by an administrator, counselor, transition coordinator, and career resource facilitator	Assist teachers new to Planning 10 with career programming support. Identify a protocol for identifying students in Grade 10 as suitable candidates for career-focused programming and opportunities. Work together to expand current Work Experience, career programs, information, and resources to ensure equity of opportunity across SD43
District and School-Based Apprenticeship Program  Hairdressing, Electrical, Cabinetry, Culinary Arts, Automotive, Baking, Steel Fabrication, Plumbing, Carpentry, Painter	Employment training and credentialing that brings relevance to the secondary school experience for a diverse student population
Graduation Credits available to Grade 9 students  Leadership, Information Technology, Journalism, etc.	Grade 9/10 Board Authorized courses available to students wishing a clearer career pathway upon transitioning from middle to secondary school
Grade 10 Transition to Trades	A summer school work experience opportunity for those students entering Grade 11 the following September allowing them to earn work experience hours and credit in specific trades areas
my43  An electronic platform that continues to improve the efficiencies of our business practices and the effectiveness of our teaching and learning strategies	It is a place where all employees can connect and communicate for the purpose of improving learning and where some key communication regarding vulnerable secondary students occurs and unique technology-supported learning experiences are designed
Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE)  CABE offers graduation program courses to allow students the opportunity to remain within the small learning environment through Grade 12	CABE uses individualized, self-paced instructional programs in the core subjects and an expanding selection of elective opportunities to help students pursue graduation. It provides district Career Program information and opportunities for students attending CABE, such as WEX 12A and WEX 12B, SSA, Transitions to Trades, and access to ACE-IT programs throughout the district
Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL)	GOAL is an alternative educational program jointly offered by the District and MCFD

This is a short-term intensive English instruction for late arriving immigrant and refugee youth. Quite a number of the students accessing this program come from situations in their home countries where they have not been able to attend school. The instruction in the program includes learning about school – learning the language – and benefitting from small group instruction in a welcoming setting with teachers who are familiar with EAL instruction and the immigrant experience
This is an individualized program for Grade 10 and 11 students who are not comfortable in a regular school setting. Many of the students cope with some anxiety about school attendance. We are seeing that some of the late arriving immigrant youth and refugee students can also benefit from access to this program
The Inquiry Hub is a secondary school program offering Grade 8-12 students innovative, technology driven, full-time studies. The Inquiry Hub allows students to pursue their own learning questions by shaping their educational experience around interests instead of structured classes
This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas requiring additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
A district design team made up of district stakeholders engaged in an inquiry-based process to further define "Learning Without Boundaries" for the district. The draft has been written and implementation plans set

Some of the specific Transitions programs the district is offering that will help students graduate or move on to post-secondary seamlessly:

- Work Experience 12A and Work Experience 12B at all secondary schools.
- ACE-IT Programs in Culinary Arts at Riverside, Gleneagle, and Centennial; Carpentry at Terry Fox; Hairdressing at Gleneagle; Automotive and Centennial; Electrical at Dr. Charles Best and Joinery at Dr. Charles Best and Riverside; Plumbing, Steel Fabrication, Millwright, Painting and Baking at local post-secondary institutions.
- SSA at all secondary schools.
- We offer Concurrent Courses at SFU and Douglas College for students in Grade 12 in the second semester.
- Douglas College has reserved seats for SD43 students in their Animal Health Technology Diploma Program and has reserved seats in six programs in the Health Sciences Faculty, has granted preferential admission points to students who complete Tourism 11 and Tourism 12, and is providing dual credit for Fitness 11/12 in their Bachelor of PE program. This year we have added reserved seating in the Music Technology Program and added agreements in Classroom and Community Support Program and ENC and ECE Programs.
- Emily Carr (Headstart to Art) Art students in Grade 12 throughout the district can simultaneously take secondary school art courses and a university art course from Emily Carr.
- We offer Industry Certification Courses in Forklift Training, Scissor Lift, Bobcat and Occupational First Aid.
- We offer programs for students interested in Policing such as the RCMP Youth Academy, Introduction to Policing Course and the New Westminster Police Academy.
- This year our district has a chance to participate in a summer camp for girls interested in a career as a firefighter (Camp Ignite).
- BCIT offers a post-secondary program for our students in Grade 12. These programs offer incentives for students to graduate so they can transition in a seamless manner from secondary school to post-secondary.

**OBJECTIVE 3.2: TRANSITION RATES: Aboriginal Students -** improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years (Aboriginal students)

See Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Report - Year Six

OBJECTIVE 3.3: TRANSITION RATES: Students with behaviour challenges - improve grade-to-grade transition rates for students with Behaviour Challenges (Category H and R) from Grade 8 to 12 and the number of students with Behaviour Challenges earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within 6 years

Customized Learning Centre	A highly individualized 1:1 learning environment for our most vulnerable students – particularly those with mental health issues. A full-time counsellor and teacher support learning opportunities
Tri-Cities Soar	After meeting with an academic advisor or administrator, non-graduated school aged students who choose to register with Continuing Education are offered additional services to help them successfully complete their course work and graduation. This is not a program as students attend at different times of day and night and different locations. These services include: access to additional learning support through the drop-in learning centre, academic advising and life coaching, regular and ongoing academic follow up both on- and off-site, bridging to post-secondary programs or work, and coordination and communication with subject teachers
ELSA Youth Class (ELSA Level 2 & 3)	The ELSA Youth Class is targeted for students who are new to Canada (17-25 years of age). School aged students who arrive in their Grade 12 year and have beginning levels of English may benefit from enrolling in the ELSA Youth class. Students can attend both their regular secondary school in the morning and the ELSA Youth class in the afternoon. This class is a bridge to other CE programs and services that will help students learn English, adjust to Canadian society and eventually enter an Adult Dogwood Diploma
LIF Staffing - quality teaching in inclusive classrooms	This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas needing additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
2 Community Hub Schools	Through Community Link funding, two middle schools will have targeted staff and a specific focus on strategies and structures to support and enhance success for at-risk and non-attending students through a community school approach
1.0 FTE Community Connections/ Healthy Living Coordinator (K-12)	This person will work alongside school staffs, district partner groups and community agencies to organize the resources of the community for student success in out-of-school time programs. Duties will include:  • Supporting school networks around common issues and topics  • After school programming  • Building connections with other agencies and organizations to raise money, to meet the needs and/or find services for vulnerable students  • Supporting the school's focus, identifying and collaborating on needed services  • Reflecting with administration, teachers, youth worker, etc. on actions taken and progress on school's focus
2.0 FTE Community Link Learning Support Teachers (Grades 4-8)	These teachers will work alongside school staffs to support and enhance student success and community connections. They will focus on supporting teachers' practice with all students and, in particular, disengaged and vulnerable youth. Their duties will include:  • Supporting the school's focus as a way to prioritize service to teachers and students  • Supporting resource room teachers in meeting the needs of vulnerable students  • Reflecting with administration, teachers, youth worker, etc. on actions taken and progress on school's focus

OBJECTIVE 3.3: TRANSITION RATES: Students with behaviour challenges - improve grade-to-grade transition rates for students with Behaviour Challenges (Category H and R) from Grade 8 to 12 and the number of students with Behaviour Challenges earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within 6 years

Adjudication Procedures Information Reviewed at all secondary sites	Ensure that all schools are consistently completing the protocol for all students eligible for adjudication procedures on Ministry examinable courses
Case Management	Ensure that students at risk for leaving school before graduation receive comprehensive supports
Student Achievement District Advisory Committee	A consultative body charged with the responsibility of giving feedback on initiatives and newly created courses with the intent of increasing achievement to ensure equity of opportunity and access for at risk learners
Career Facilitators	Support students at risk in establishing workplace experiences and gaining transition skills and education
LIF Staffing - quality teaching in inclusive classrooms	This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas requiring additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE) CABE allows students to remain within its smaller learning environment through Grade 12	CABE uses individualized, self-paced instructional programs in the core subjects and an expanding selection of elective opportunities to help students pursue graduation
Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL)	GOAL is an alternative educational program jointly offered by the District and MCFD



#### **ASSESS + EVALUATE**

#### INDICATORS/EVIDENCE - What data did we look at?

#### **GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES**

Percentage of students transitioning from one grade to a higher grade (Ministry of Education report and Ministry of Education Special Needs report)

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD COMPLETION RATES

Percentage of students completing school within six years from entering Grade 8 (Ministry of Education report and Ministry of Education Special Needs report)

OBJECTIVE 3.1: TRANSITION RATES: All Students- improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent

#### GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES **All Students**

	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12
11/12	98	97	97	92
10/11	98	98	96	94
09/10	98	98	97	91
08/09	97	97	96	91
07/08	97	97	95	90
06/07	90	97	95	90
05/06	97	96	95	92

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD **COMPLETION RATES** All Students (including non-residents)

11/12	90%		
10/11	91%	06/07	89%
09/10	89%	05/06	89%
08/09	90%	04/05	88%
07/08	88%	03/04	86%

#### SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD COMPLETION RATES

#### All Students, by Gender

	F	М
11/12	92	88
10/11	92	90
09/10	91	86
08/09	93	88
07/08	91	86
06/07	92	86
05/06	91	87

OBJECTIVE 3.2: TRANSITION RATES: Aboriginal Students mprove grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and ncrease percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years (Aboriginal students)

**GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION** RATES -Aboriginal Students

	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12
11/12	96	95	93	88
10/11	95	93	88	87
09/10	98	98	94	77
08/09	96	95	93	76
07/08	97	95	78	74
06/07	91	94	84	86
05/06	97	93	79	84

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10/11	95	93	88	87
09/10	98	98	94	77
08/09	96	95	93	76
07/08	97	95	78	74
06/07	91	94	84	86
05/06	97	93	79	84

SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD	11/12	70%	07/08/	64%
COMPLETION RATES  Aboriginal Students	10/11	63%	06/07/	60%
	09/10/	64%	05/06/	65%
	08/09/	71%	04/05/	63%

**OBJECTIVE 3.3: TRANSITION RATES: Students with behaviour challenges -** improve grade-to-grade transition rates for students with Behaviour Challenges (Category H and R) from Grade 8 to 12 and the number of students with Behaviour

**GRADE-TO-GRADE TRANSITION RATES** Students with Behaviour Challenges

	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12
11/12	97		88	
10/11	100		77	
09/10	88		84	
08/09	100		79	
07/08	98	90	69	57
06/07	88	86	67	44
05/06	90	88	68	54

SIX-YEAR DOGWOOD	11/12	62%	07/08/	43%
COMPLETION RATES  Students with	10/11	57%	06/07/	45%
Behaviour Challenges (including non-residents)	09/10	53%	05/06	40%
(including non-residents)	08/09/	53%	04/05/	37%



#### **Completed Actions**

- 1.0 FTE Secondary School and Adult Literacy Coodinator
- 1.0 FTE Secondary Learning Support Teacher Secondary Math Curriculum Pathways Implementation

School Completion and Beyond

Transition Program Documents and Resources



#### **New Actions**

1.0 FTE Learning Innovations Coordinator K-12

1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher: focus on Middle and Secondary

Safe, Caring Learning Communities Framework

#### **RESPOND + ADJUST**

#### **Continuing Actions**

1.0 FTE Trades and Transitions Coordinator

1.0 FTE Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) Learning Support Teacher

2.0 FTE Community Link Learning Support Teachers (Grade 4-8)

1.0 FTE Community Connections/Healthy Living Coordinator (K-12)

1.0 FTE LIF Learning Support Teacher: focus on Middle and Secondary

In-District Challenge Process

DELF (Diplome d'études de langue française)

Coquitlam Open Learning

TALONS Program for Gifted Learners

EPIC (Elite Performers in Coquitlam) Program

Secondary Success Graduation Initative

**Board Authority Authorized Courses** 

Career Development Network

Apprenticeship Advisory Network

Career Development Focus Group

District and School-Based Apprenticeship Program

Graduation Credits available to Grade 9 students

Grade 10 Transition to Trades

Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE)

Inquiry Hub

Student Leadership Council

Customized Learning Centre

2 Community Hub Schools

Learning Without Boundaries

LIF Staffing

Tri-Cities Soar

ELSA Youth Class (ELSA Level 2 &3)

Welcome Class

CIL 10/11

Adjudication Procedures Information

Case Management

Student Achievement District Advisory Committee

Career Facilitators

Goal Oriented Alternate Learning (GOAL)

OBJECTIVE 3.1: TRANSITION RATES: All Students- improve grade-to-grade transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years

**Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates** 

TARGET - Increase to 95% transitioning

Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rates
TARGET - Increase to 95% of all students
completing their six-year Dogwood by 2015
STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Met for
Grade 8-11 transitions and met in some
schools, but otherwise not met at the district
level.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: TRANSITION RATES: Aboriginal Students - improve grade-tograde transition rates from Grade 8 to 12 and increase percent of students earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within six years (Aboriginal students)

**Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates** 

TARGET - Sustain or increase transitior rates to 95% by 2015 for Aboriginal students in Grade 8 to 12.

Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rates TARGET Increase to 95% of Aboriginal students completing their Dogwood in six years by 2015.

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Met for Gr. 8-11 transitions, but otherwise not met

## OBJECTIVE 3.3: TRANSITION RATES: Students with behaviour challenges -

improve grade-to-grade transition rates for students with Behaviour Challenges (Category H and R) from Grade 8 to 12 and the number of students with Behaviour Challenges earning a Dogwood or School Completion Certificate within 6 years

within 6 years

Grade-to-Grade Transition Rates

TARGET - Sustain or increase transition rates to 95% by 2015 for students with behaviour challenges in Grade 8 to 12 with particular focus on programming and particular accordingly to appear this group.

**Six-Year Dogwood Completion Rates** TARGET - Increase to 95% of students with behaviour challenges completing their

Dogwood in six years by 2015.
STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: Not met.
This population of students continues to be the focus of ongoing research and inquiry across all secondary sites as part of our Secondary Success Graduation Initiative project.

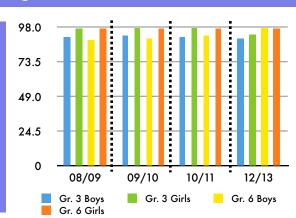
## SUMMARY

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: Increase Students' Socially

## Responsible Behaviour

Target: 95% of Gr. 3 & 6 students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015

Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways



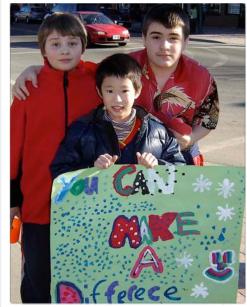
#### Results

% of students meeting or exceeding expectations

90% of Grade 3 boys 93% of Grade 6 boys 98% of Grade 3 girls 97% of Grade 6 girls

#### Indicators/Evidence

Teacher Observations
Classroom Assessment Based
on Teacher Judgement











#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**

GOAL 4: Soc	ial Responsibility	10 schools with 10 goals		
	Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways	Healthy Living	Other	Total
Elementary	1	-	5	6
Middle	-	-	1	1
Secondary	1	_	2	3

#### RATIONALE: WHY DID WE CHOOSE THIS GOAL?

#### **Action Plans for Learning**

10 schools have 10 goals in the area of social responsibility (6 goals at elementary, 1 goals at middle, 3 goals at secondary) as of mid-June 2013.

- 1 goal at elementary and 1 goal at secondary focus on solving problems in peaceful ways.
- 4 goals at elementary are focused on self-regulation.

1 goal at elementary, 1 goal at middle and 2 goals at secondary are focused on various aspects of social responsibility, such as valuing diversity and defending human rights, creating and contributing to classroom and school community and exercising democratic rights and responsibilities. A large area of focus continues to be on improving students' sense of safety and belonging.

#### **Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways**

The aspect of "Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways" was identified as an area of focus in 2005.

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROGRESS

The performance target, established in 2008-2009 and reaffirmed in 2010, for the objective, "Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways" under the Social Responsibility goal is to achieve 95% of students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015.

At this time, the performance target has been met for Grade 6 students overall, Grade 3 Aboriginal students and female students in both grades, but although progress has been made, the performance target is not yet met for Grade 3 students, male students in Grade 3 and Grade 6, and Grade 6 Aboriginal students.







#### **GOALS + EXPECTATIONS**



OBJECTIVE 4.1: SOLVING PROBLEMS IN PEACEFUL WAYS- increase peaceful problem solving in schools

#### **GRADE 3**

94% of Grade 3 students were meeting or exceeding expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). More girls (98%) are fully meeting or exceeding expectations than boys (90%).

TARGET - Increase to 95% of Grade 3 male, female and Aboriginal students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015

#### **GRADE 6**

95% of Grade 6 students were fully meeting or exceeding expectations on Classroom Assessments (BC Performance Standards). More girls (97%) were fully meeting or exceeding expectations than boys (93%), and more non-Aboriginal students were fully meeting or exceeding expectations than Grade 6 Aboriginal students.

TARGET - Increase to 95% of Grade 3 male, female and Aboriginal students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015

**STATEMENT OF PROGRESS:** Met for Grade 6 students overall and female students; not met for Grade 3 students, Grade 3 and 6 male students and Grade 6 Aboriginal students.

#### **COMMENTS**

At both grades, teachers' ratings of girls were higher than for boys. Aboriginal students tended to be rated less positively. These ratings provide an examination of changes in social responsibility performance following new district initiatives. Specifically, in the fall of 2006, the district adopted a systemic focus on improving the social responsibility of all learning communities, with recognition that true change would take several years.











#### OBJECTIVE 4.1: SOLVING PROBLEMS IN PEACEFUL WAYS- increase peaceful problem solving in schools

1.0 FTE Safe School Focus K-12 Coordinator	Provide a Staff Development Coordinator to assist teachers and schools with their teaching, learning, and goal implementation in the areas of social responsibility, social justice, social and emotional learning, and restorative approaches
Learning Teams: Restorative Approaches	Support restorative approaches learning teams meeting regularly to engage in dialogue and share strategies to support teachers' and administrators' questions about and actions for promoting restorative approaches in their classrooms and school communities
Learning Teams: Social and Emotional Learning	Support social-emotional learning teams meeting regularly to learn about, discuss and share strategies to support teachers' questions about and actions for promoting and supporting social and emotional learning in their classrooms with their students, specifically around showing empathy, identifying and describing feelings (in self and others), learning to report behavior accurately and learning how to regulate and manage emotions and talk about feelings in conflict situations
Safe, Caring Learning Communities Framework	The framework identifies five core beliefs and guiding principles to create a safe, caring learning community. It brings coherence to the resources, programs, networks, structures and strategies that exist throughout the District
Safe Schools Task Force and Safe Schools Advisory Committee	The task force continues to develop the implementation plans and resources to put the Safe, Caring Learning Communities framework into place. The task force works on behalf of the Advisory Committee which is made up partner group representatives who keep their membership informed
Social Responsibility Performance Standards	Provide professional development opportunities to support educators in using the Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways rubric (classroom and school focus) and other aspects of the Standards
Lower Mainland Social Responsibility Network	Continue participating in Network meetings to share and gather information, ideas, research, and initiatives with other school districts and educators working in the realm of social responsibility, social justice, social and emotional learning and safe schools. Share new knowledge at the Social Responsibility Implementation Team and at learning team meetings
Restorative Conferences Consultation Partnership with C.E.R.A. (Communities Embracing Restorative Action)	Promote and support a partnership with C.E.R.A. and middle and secondary school administrators. Administrators have the option of calling on C.E.R.A. facilitators to help mediate and promote restorative conversations with students involved in conflicts deemed suitable for this approach
(SRCLE) Socially Responsible Collaborative Learning Environments	Continue the partnership with UBC staff in the design and implementation of the SD43 Social Responsibility vision/plan and continue the partnership with SFU focusing on restorative approaches
E.R.A.S.E. Ministry mandate	Continue to implement strategies and training for Threat Assessment and Anti-Bullying initiatives

SMART IEP and mandated online IEPs for students in high incidence categories	Continue district-wide implementation to increase consistent program implementation and learning experiences as well as reducing behaviour incidents
International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) Training	Supported training in an introduction to a restorative approaches that provide a framework for administrators and teachers to "create conditions for students to fix their mistakes and return to the school community strengthened" (Diane Gossen)
Beyond the Hurt Bullying Prevention program Partnership with Red Cross	Support a partnership with Red Cross, and provide a pilot training session of <i>Beyond the Hurt</i> for up to four secondary school youth leadership teams. <i>Beyond the Hurt</i> trains secondary school youth to facilitate an anti-bullying program aimed at bullying and harassment prevention among children and youth in Grade 6 and 7
<b>WE day</b> Partnership with Free the Children	Continue to support the coordination of We Day in our district, in order to inspire youth to lifelong social action, empowerment and leadership skills
AARF! Animal Ambassadors for Reading Fun	Continue to support this "reading with dogs" program, in partnership with P.A.D.S. (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society), currently in three elementary schools and one middle school. The program partners students who have been selected by their teachers with registered therapy dogs who work with skilled volunteers. Research confirms that participating students make significant gains in reading and communication skills, as well as building self-esteem, confidence and social skills
GO girls! Partnership with Big Sisters of the Lower Mainland	Continue to support this mentoring program currently in five middle schools, designed to encourage physical activity, participation, healthy eating choices and the development of positive self image, among girls age 11 to 14 in Grade 6,7 and/or 8
FRIENDS Program (Grade 4/5, 7/8)	Continue to invite teachers, counsellors, and administrators to the initial training on this prevention and early intervention program to reduce the risk of anxiety problems and disorders and to build psychological resilience. In-service to be offered throughout the school year
Threat assessment training	Continue to support schools in implementing effective threat assessment processes
Proactive school level behaviour support systems	Design and implement alternatives to formal suspensions at the school level, supported by Itinerant Behaviour Teams
School Planning Council meetings	Renew, sustain, and "live" with the revised Code of Conduct as per Safe, Orderly and Caring Schools recommendations. Continue to define, develop, and model attributes of safe, caring, and orderly schools
Student Leadership Council	Continue to support this structure which engages students in dialogue and education to empower them in supporting themselves and their peers with the skills and strategies necessary to become socially responsible citizens, locally and globally
School Library Programs Teacher-Librarians	Continue the provision of inquiry-based programs and high quality, multi-format learning resources toward developing students' capacity as independent learners and improving students' sense of safety and belonging
Lower Mainland Child Abuse Prevention Committee	Continue networking and sharing information, resources and best practice as they relate to the prevention of child abuse and the Health and Career Education curriculum
MindUP (The Hawn Foundation) Training Workshops and Touchback Support Three times a year and a touchback support session	Continue to support teacher and administrator training on implementing and integrating the MindUP program in classrooms with students. This research-based program works to promote the five-point framework of competencies laid out in the work of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL; <a href="https://www.casel.org">www.casel.org</a> ): self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships skills and responsible decision-making

LIF Staffing - quality teaching in inclusive classrooms	This targeted staffing has been assigned to schools based on a collaborative process between CTA and the district requiring schools to identify areas needing additional staffing to support learning needs and success for all students over and above that possible with current staffing. Specific initiatives for specific students have been designed
1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator	Support the Learning Without Boundaries initiative and identify classroom- and whole-school innovations, connecting teachers and schools in inquiry and dialogue
LIF Learning Support Teachers	Focus on and support K- 12 teachers in their classroom practice, and facilitate, support and enhance LIF funded projects and professional development at all schools
Roots of Empathy	This program offers students the opportunity to experience and recognize empathy within themselves and others and practice time to learn to identify issues from the perspective of another, a "first step" in solving problems peacefully
Rights Respecting Schools Partnership with UNICEF; one initiative currently at an elementary school; expanding to one middle school	The Rights Respecting School model complements the Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools policy and its companion policy document Diversity in BC Schools and directly supports the Social Responsibility Performance Standards by promoting a learning environment where all members of the school community are welcomed and respected
R.U.L.E.R.  Training for interested administrators and teachers	Supported training for teachers and administrators on the RULER approach (how to use and integrate the use of four tools explored in the training that enhance/promote deeper understanding of emotional literacy skills, especially in the areas of self-awareness, social awareness, recognizing, labeling and managing emotions and strategies for solving problems independently.  The RULER Approach teaches five key emotional literacy skills:  Recognizing emotions in oneself and others  Understanding the causes and consequences of emotions  Labeling the full range of emotions using a rich vocabulary  Expressing emotions appropriately in different contexts  Regulating emotions effectively to foster healthy relationships and achieve goals
Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE), Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL), and Customized Learning Centre (CLC)	Continue to support small-group alternative learning environments and experiences for our most vulnerable secondary school students
Empowering Youth Partnership with CERA (Communities Embracing Restorative Action); 8 schools, expanding to 11	This initiative equips students with skills in conflict resolution and empowers them to be actively involved in assisting fellow students in handling school conflicts in peaceful ways. Students who serve as peer mediators are trained in the areas of understanding conflict, active listening, problem solving, appreciating diversity and strategies for managing difficult conversations. Once trained, student mediators work in pairs, under the supervision of a trained adult, to assist fellow students
MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) District support Survey done in partnership with UBC	Provide opportunities for administrators and teachers to analyse and discuss further district and school results, and ways in which the MDI Toolkit can help support and promote action plans for improving and building upon our findings
Transition and articulation plans Between pre-school/early learning programs and Kindergarten, elementary and middle school (Grade 5 to 6), middle and secondary (Grade 8 to 9), and between school completion and post- secondary	Continue to identify and share preparation and reception activities for students transitioning from one level to another to increase feelings of safety and sense of belonging



#### **ASSESS + EVALUATE**

#### INDICATORS/EVIDENCE - What data did we look at?

#### **Classroom Assessments**

Teacher judgment in terms of BC Performance Standards, based on a variety of evidence, including the BC Social Responsibility Performance Standards (Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways) and teacher observations at Grade 3 and Grade 6

#### **Middle-Years Development Instrument**

A population-based measure of children's social and emotional development and well-being both inside and outside of school (UBC/HELP)

#### **OBJECTIVE 4.1: SOLVING PROBLEMS IN PEACEFUL WAYS-** increase peaceful problem solving in schools

## CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS (April 2013) Grade 3 and Grade 6 Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding

Gr. 3 n = 1409 (67% part.); Aboriginal = 46

Gr. 6 n = 2040 (89% part.) Aboriginal = 91

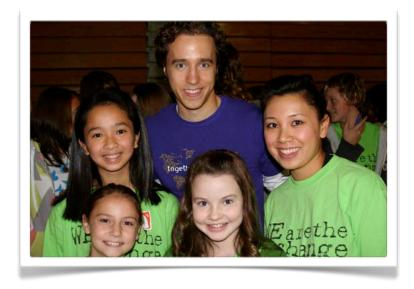
	Gr. 3	Gr. 6
All	94	95
Boys	90	93
Girls	98	97
Aborigin	89	92

## MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (March 2013) Grade 4 (2012-13) Cohort

Well-Being Index; Percentage of students reporting

Gr. 4 n = 1774 (86% part.)

	Gr. 4
Thriving	52
Medium-to-high	21
Low	27







#### **Completed Actions**

1.0 FTE Social Responsibility Coordinator Restitution Level 1 Training

Youth worker at every middle and secondary school



#### **New Actions**

1.0 FTE Safe Schools Focus K-12 Coordinator

E.R.A.S.E. - Ministry mandate

Safe Schools Task Force

Safe, Caring Learning Communities Framework

Safe Schools Advisory Committee

International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) Training

LIF Learning Support Teachers

1.0 FTE Learning Innovations K-12 Coordinator



#### **RESPOND + ADJUST**

#### **Continuing Actions**

Learning Teams: Restorative Approaches

**Restorative Conferences Consultation** 

Learning Teams: Social-Emotional Learning

(SCRLE) Socially Responsible Collaborative Learning Environments

Rights Respecting Schools

MindUP (The Hawn Foundation) Training Workshops and Touchback Support

Roots of Empathy

Lower Mainland Child Abuse Prevention Committee

School Library Programs

Student Leadership Council

School Planning Council meetings

Proactive school level behaviour support systems

Threat assessment training

FRIENDS Program (Grade 4/5, 7/8)

GO girls! (Partnership with Big Sisters of the Lower Mainland

AARF! (Animal Ambassadors for Reading Fun)

We Day

Beyond the Hurt Bullying Prevention program

R.U.L.E.R.

SMART IEP and mandated online IEPs for students in high incidence categories

Coquitlam Alternate Basic Education (CABE), Goal Oriented Alternative Learning (GOAL), and Customized Learning Centre (CLC)

**Empowering Youth** 

MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument)

Transition and articulation plans

Safe Schools Contact Meetings

Lower Mainland Social Responsibility Network

Social Responsibility Performance Standards

LIF Staffing

**OBJECTIVE 4.1: SOLVING PROBLEMS IN** PEACEFUL WAYS- increase peaceful problem solving in schools

#### **GRADE 3**

TARGET - Increase to 95% of Grade 3 male, female and Aboriginal students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015

#### **GRADE 6**

TARGET - Increase to 95% of Grade 3 male, female and Aboriginal students meeting or exceeding expectations by 2015

#### STATEMENT OF PROGRESS:

Met for Grade 6 students overall and female students:

Not met for Grade 3 students, Grade 3 and 6 male students and Grade 6 Aboriginal students.



