

2019-2022 Strategic Plan

Acknowledgement

We begin our Strategic Plan by **acknowledging and honouring** the traditional territory and history of the Stó:lō people. **We acknowledge and honour** the four traditional territories of the following First Nation communities:

- Leq'á:mel First Nation
- Matheqwí First Nation
- Qwó:ltl'el First Nation
- Sq'éwlets

Mission Public School District **appreciates the vital role of All First Nations, Inuit, and Metis** peoples, groups, and associations, residing within the school district. **We acknowledge the traditional teachings of the Elders and the wisdom of their Indigenous Cultures.**

NOTE We are currently collaborating with Halq'eméylem speakers to translate this acknowledgement.

Leq'á:mel First Nation



Matheqwí First Nation



Qwó:ltl'el First Nation



Sq'éwlets



Board of Education



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Trustee Shelly Carter
Trustee Randy Cairns
Trustee Linda Hamel

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Trustee Jash Bains
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The Board of Education is responsible for effective governance of the Mission Public School District. The Board sets the operating and governance framework for the organization and is accountable to the Ministry of Education, the public, and education partners. The Board, working closely with the Superintendent, is committed to working strategically and cooperatively recognizing the need for productive working relationships.

The Board will operate in a respectful, transparent, and fiscally responsible manner, engaging the community and partners in the decisions of the Board. The Board values the collaborative working relationships that are growing among all education partners, parents, and the community.

The Board will continue to nurture these relationships by providing opportunities for

meaningful dialogue and quality inclusive learning environments that will result in greater success for our students.

This document details the Board's objectives for Mission Public Schools to:

- Support Honouring Culture and Territory
- Focus on being Future Oriented
- Promote Student Centred Learning
- Create Effective Learning Environments
- Build Quality Teaching and Leadership

The Board will also continue to advocate for enhanced public education in Mission, ensuring that the School District needs are held paramount as mandated by the School Act.

The Board's specific goals for each objective can be found further on in this Strategic Plan and are intended to ensure that Mission Public Schools continues to be a fantastic place to learn, work, and grow.

Our Vision

Mission Public School students are educated global citizens who embrace diversity and are prepared for the future.

Our Mission

Mission Public School District is committed to a **safe, equitable, and inclusive educational system** for ALL students. Mission students benefit from our diverse community, skilled staff, natural environment, and local history.

We are dedicated to honouring student voice and empowering our students to reach their potential.

Our Values

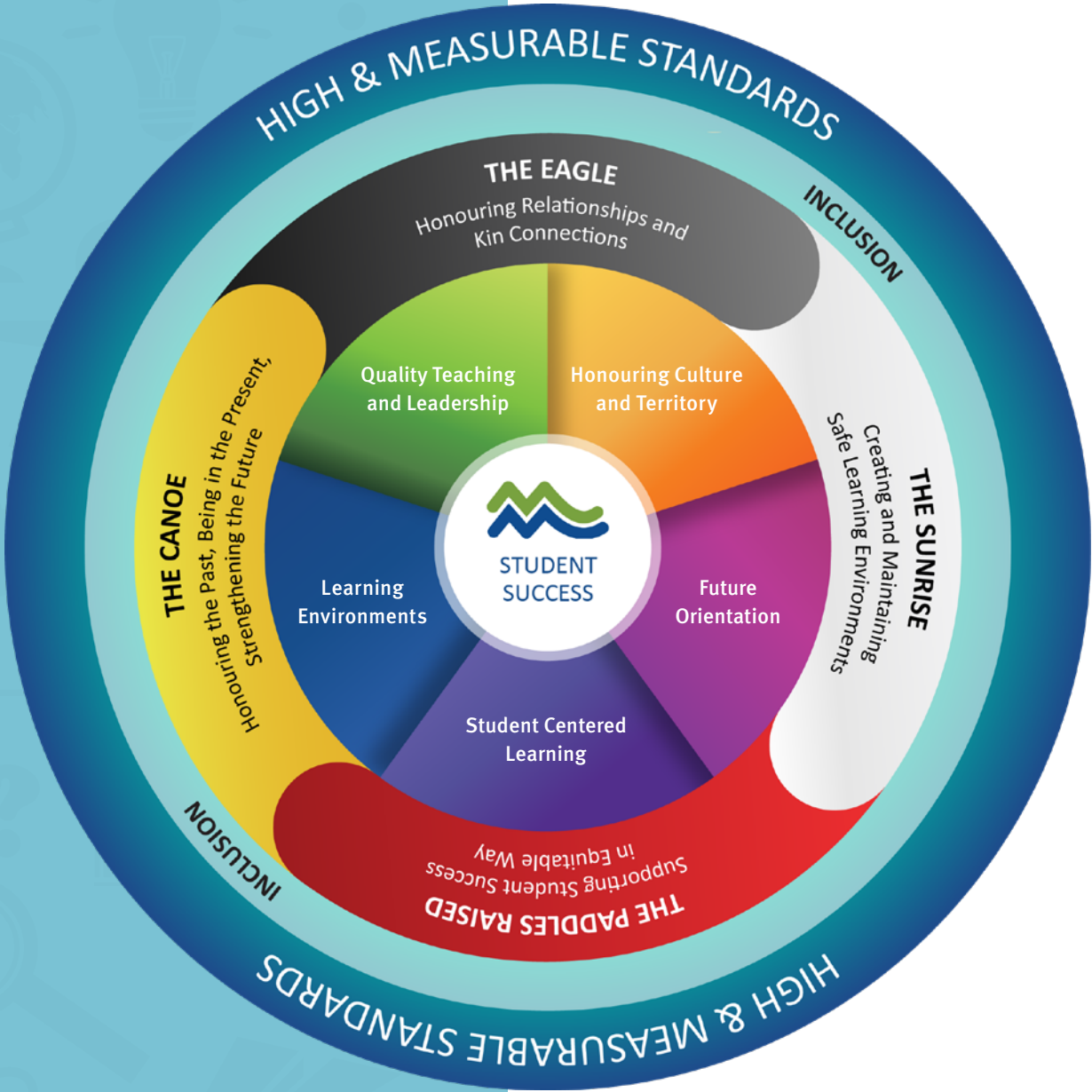
Working Together
Lifelong Learning
Thinking Beyond Today
Doing the Right Thing



Strategic Priorities

The Mission Public School District supports the development of the educated citizen, to “enable learners to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to contribute to a healthy society and a prosperous and sustainable economy.”
(Ministry of Education, 2019)

The Board has aligned its strategic priorities with the Ministry’s vision for student success. This includes the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) and other initiatives. The Board has also sought to embed the learnings from the [Equity Scan](#) in this document.



Honouring Culture and Territory

Mission Public Schools is privileged to exist on the unceded, traditional, and shared territories of the **Leq'á:mel**, **Matheqwí**, **Qwó:ltl'el**, and **Sq'éwlets** peoples. We are cognisant of this debt, and our obligations to work with First Nations partners in the best interests of their culture and people.

Mission Public Schools understands that it has additional obligations for reconciling with Indigenous communities as we are conscious of the presence of a former residential school, St Mary's, in Mission.

GOALS

1. Achieve equitable education outcomes for all Indigenous students in Mission Public Schools
2. Expand Halq'eméylem language and embed it throughout the school system
3. Embed Stó:lō Culture into all schools
4. Expand knowledge of contributions made by Metis and Inuit communities, community members and Knowledge Keepers

STRATEGIES

1. Provide resources and professional growth to develop an understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and perspectives
2. Provide a variety of opportunities, resources, and/or supports for students of Indigenous ancestry
3. Continue to participate in the [Equity Scan](#)
4. Continue to work with rights holders
5. Continue the work to develop an Indigenous Language Education Policy
6. Embed Indigenous world views and tools in future decision making

MEASURES

1. Percentage of students learning Halq'eméylem
2. Six-year completion rates
3. Siwal Si'wes Sense of Belonging Survey
4. Student connection data collected through AIMS
5. Indigenous **How Are We Doing?** report and the Siwal Si'wes Annual Report

Future Orientation

Due to the pace of social, economic, and environmental change, there is a greater need for all students to have essential skills, adaptability, global competencies and citizenship, and ultimately successful transition to employment.

Mission Public Schools recognizes that students need the skills to be flexible, adaptable, and resilient in the real world. Our education system will enhance our efforts to prepare all students for lifelong learning, the use of technology, and graduation with practical expectations informed by employers, community organizations, and post-secondary institutions.

GOALS

1. Strengthen support and services for learners to address shifting learning requirements
2. Embrace diversity in a complex and ever-changing global society
3. Advance and embrace environmental stewardship and sustainability
4. Promote environmental stewardship, sustainability, and Indigenous World Views

STRATEGIES

1. Utilize contemporary teaching practices to encourage student critical and creative thinking
2. Embed Indigenous world views in future decision making
3. Provide contemporary technology and tools to assist and enhance learning and skill development across all curricular areas
4. Encourage programming that exposes students to the local and global community
5. Collaborate with community partner organizations, agencies, and Elders

MEASURES

1. Report how technology is used in the learning environment
2. Graduation rates and post-secondary participation
3. Transition rates to Middle and Secondary Schools
4. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Survey
5. Report on environmental stewardship and sustainability

Student Centred Learning

Students benefit from more flexibility and choice of how, when, and where their learning takes place. It also means offering a greater variety of pathways to graduation and more opportunities for hands-on learning. (Ministry of Education, 2019)

We believe in the importance of educating the whole student “where a student has the right to manage decisions and choices, to control positive outcomes in their learning.”

— *Leyton Schnellert and Shelley Moore 2020*



GOALS

1. Create positive learning experiences that support literate and numerate students
2. Provide choice of how, when, and where student learning takes place
3. Foster collaborative learning environments



STRATEGIES

1. Develop student understanding and ownership of their learning process
2. Provide resources for personalized learning/ programs of choice
3. Support social and emotional learning (social awareness, self-awareness, responsible decision making, self-management, relationship skills)
4. Apply trauma informed practices



MEASURES

1. Utilize appropriate academic assessments
2. Evidence of student participation in their learning, satisfaction on flexibility of choice; various student engagement opportunities (What am I learning and why is it important? How is my learning going? Where to next with my learning?)
3. Enrolment statistics
4. EDI/MDI Reports
5. Indigenous Student Connectivity Survey
6. Presentations or reports on how diverse learners are being supported

Effective Learning Environments

We will foster inclusive learning environments where all students feel that they are safe and belong — physically and emotionally — and where all students are inspired to explore their personal strengths and interests. We recognize that everyone can make meaningful contributions to the school community.

We are diverse, all of us. We all have strengths, we all have stretches, and we all need to get better at something...Inclusive education relies on the diversity of its ecosystem, to not only promote coexistence and tolerance, but to thrive on the learning and interaction of each person in the community.

— Shelley Moore



GOALS

1. Maintain welcoming, modern, healthy, safe, and inclusive working and learning environments
2. Recognize that diversity in the school community benefits all and ensure students are meaningfully included in the learning environment
3. Ensure every school is accessible so that full participation is possible
4. Build an environment that respects differences in gender, family structures, worldviews, and abilities



STRATEGIES

1. Further the progress of inclusive teaching strategies
2. Develop a district wide mental health strategy (Trauma Informed Practice, Social Emotional Learning, and Mental Health Literacy) in collaboration with external organizations
3. Create a plan to assess and improve physical accessibility and inclusivity at every site
4. Improve technology and resources to foster modern learning environments



MEASURES

1. Inclusive Education *How Are We Doing?* Report
2. Accessibility Certifications (External, Internal, and Student Rated)
3. Evidence of student voice in the planning of their Individual Education Plan
4. Evidence of collaboration between classroom teachers and resource teachers and therapists
5. Report on the use of resource rooms and learning structures

Quality Teaching and Leadership

Great teachers and educational leaders have always been the key to student success. The critically important role of teachers in a student's life will be constantly evolving to adapt to the rapidly changing context in children's lives.

Teachers will act as guides and coaches for learning for all students, including those with diverse learning needs. (Ministry of Education, 2019)



GOALS

1. Hire and retain highly competent and diverse staff in all positions in the School District
2. Increase employment of persons of Indigenous ancestry in all positions of the School District
3. Support all staff to adapt to the rapidly changing educational environment and students' needs



STRATEGIES

1. Maintain high standards for recruitment and retention
2. Utilize Special Program of the Office of the BC Human Rights Commissioner
3. Support Growth Plans for Educational Leaders
4. Provide professional learning and collaboration opportunities for all staff
5. Continue staff mentoring, leadership, collaboration, and professional learning opportunities



MEASURES

1. Participation in Professional Learning Opportunities
2. Ongoing Professional Growth Plans and/or staff evaluations
3. Reporting on hiring, retention rates for staff
4. Annual Employee Feedback



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*Mosaic River of Belonging displayed at Heritage Park Middle School.
Salmon Carvings created by Squamish Carver **Peter Gong**.
Art work and design created by students and staff.*