



MY STORY OF THE MONTH

School District 91 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan Released

On Monday, Dec. 2nd, the School District released the Board of Education's 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan to all our employees and to community partners through a media release, personalized emails and use of our social media feeds. Find a copy of the plan [HERE](#).

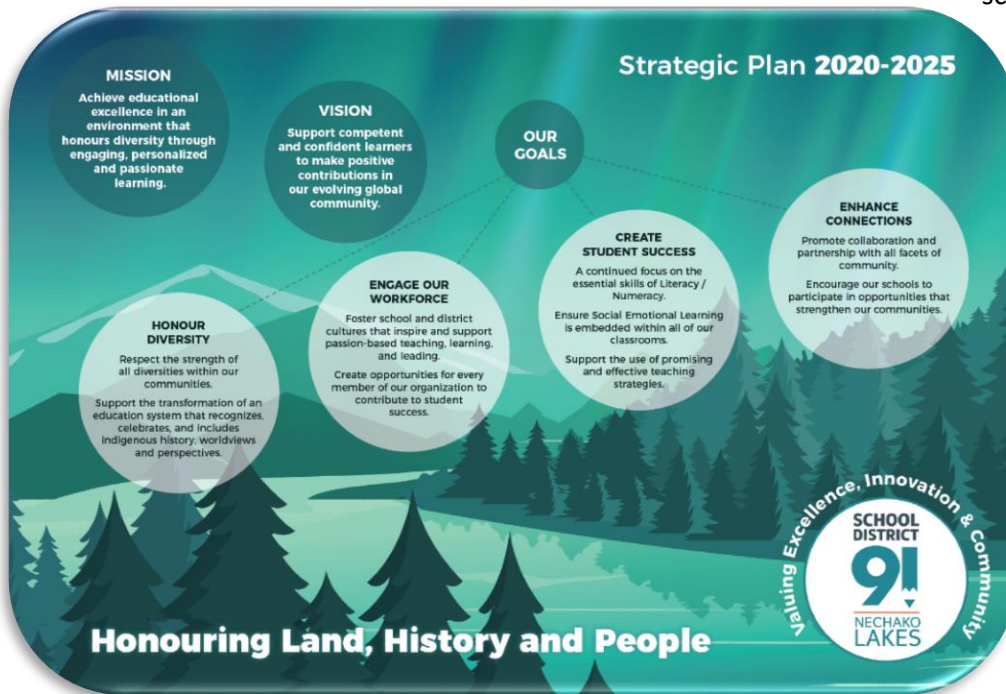
Our trustees have worked hard on this plan over the last year by reflecting on our current plan and working with stakeholder groups to articulate our priorities for the next five years.

Trustees are already being invited to speak about the plan and looking forward to connecting to schools, departments and community groups over the next two months to share their vision.

The task of the school district's leadership team is to ensure that we have focussed alignment between school plans and our Strategic Plan

while also recognizing our responsibility to fit within the [Ministry of Education's Framework for Strengthening Student Learning](#). Ensuring that our budgets and budget processes are prioritized to support this plan is also a key responsibility and goal.

To request a trustee to speak to the plan, please email SD91StratPlan@sd91.bc.ca.





Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of Dec 9th, 2019

3rd Annual NVSS Grade 7 Small Business Market – BIG SUCCESS



Thanks to middle years teacher **Jana-Rae Kadonaga** who partners with [Junior Achievement BC](#) to provide entrepreneurial learning to our grade 7 students which then culminated in a Small Business Market on Nov. 21st that was open to the community. Great to see so many young entrepreneurs create, market and sell their business ideas at this market.

Thank you WE.org

A few of our schools, along with Assistant Superintendent Mike Skinner, were able to take in [WE Day Vancouver](#) on Nov. 19th. By all accounts this was another excellently organized event for students from across British Columbia, and we thank the [WE organization](#) for continuing to provide both this day and the many other opportunities offered to our schools and students.



School Planning



All of our schools have submitted initial drafts of their 2019 - 20 School Growth Plans. The plans outline the key goals of schools for the coming year and will be posted to both the SD 91 website and school websites in January 2020. As schools have worked hard on summarizing their learning over the last year and identifying the core goals for the coming year, I encourage parents and community members to have a look at these plans. To have a read of your school's 2018 - 19 school plan, please click [HERE](#).

Literacy / Numeracy Strategies for Parents Workshop

Thank you to teachers **Michelle Miller-Gauthier** and **Roberta Toth** for preparing and presenting a Literacy / Numeracy Information evening specifically for parents on December 3rd in Vanderhoof. We've heard from parents how well received this information was and are looking at ways to see if similar workshops can happen across all our communities.





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Nov. 29th Professional Development Day



Nov. 29th was a school-based professional development day for teachers across our district. There were a number of excellent learning opportunities that aligned well with the Board's Strategic Plan including:

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators ([EASE](#)) Training
- Stop Now and Plan ([SNAP](#))
- [Play is the Way](#)
- [Power of Being Seen](#)

LITERACY

- [Joyful Literacy](#)
- [Susan Close Reading Strategies](#)
- [Adrienne Gear Writing and Reading Power](#)

NUMERACY

- [Student Numeracy Assessment & Practice](#)
- [Mathletics](#)
- [Jo Boaler Math Mindsets](#)

HONOUR DIVERSITY

- Equality / Inclusivity

DPAC / SD 91 Partner to Host 'Parent Advocacy' Workshops

At our DPAC's second meeting of this school year, by teleconference on Dec. 5th, it was confirmed that DPAC will partner with the school district to offer a 'Parent Advocacy' workshop on both sides of our school district in the new year. DPAC will work on securing a speaker from the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils ([BCCPAC](#)).

Watch for further information regarding locations, dates and times.





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CONGRATULATIONS – LDSS Senior Girls Volleyball – Zone Champions

Congrats to Coach Steven Little and the Lakes District Secondary School (LDSS) Senior Girls Volleyball team who captured the zone title and are off to the provincials in Castlegar. The last time that LDSS were zone champions was in 1994! Way to go girls!



Holiday Lunch

On Dec. 4th, myself and members of our district leadership team were invited to join our Facilities, Transportation and IT Departments at their annual holiday lunch. **Dalphen Snively** and **Tracey Lucas** again amazed all with their coordination of this lunch, with Tracey preparing a delicious turkey and Dalpena coordinating a variety of dishes contributed by all.



I sat for lunch with Ed and Dylan, mechanics from our Transportaion Department, and Mike and Travis, from our Facilities Department and learned more about their day to day work and how they contribute to our school district. Although I often share stories of student success and what is occuring in schools and classrooms, none of it would be possible without safe buildings, busses and networks. **A big THANK YOU to all who work in these departments to ensure that we have a world class school system!**



Best Wishes for the Holidays

As we head into the final two weeks of school in 2019, on behalf of myself and our district leadership team, I would like to extend a **Thank You** to parents for continuing to partner with us in the education of your children. We wish you all the best for the holidays and best wishes for 2020!



It is the season of holiday concerts across our schools and hopefully you are planning to attend a local concert, which almost undoubtedly will put a smile on your face!

SD 91 IN THE NEWS AND QUICK FACTS:

- [WL McLeod Annual Christmas Fair](#)
- [Restoring Wetlands in Vanderhoof](#)