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Good Spirit School Division Foundational Statements and Strategic Plan

As the new school year begins, Good Spirit School Division (GSSD) launches its 2018-19 Foundational Statements and Strategic Plan.

“Strategic planning allows us to focus our time and resources on goals which ultimately improve student learning and well-being”, Director of Education Quintin Robertson said. “The plan holds all staff accountable and encourages collaboration.”

Good Spirit School Division’s four focus areas and goals are reflective of the provincial Education Sector Strategic Plan. GSSDs 2018-19 Strategic Focus and Long-Term Goals feature two new Student & Family goals - student attendance and Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

The GSSD Strategic Focus and Long-Term Goals include:

Student & Family: GSSD exists to provide the highest level of student learning & well-being. All students will experience learning environments rich in the opportunities and experiences necessary to promote intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

By June 30, 2020, at least 90% of students exiting Kindergarten in GSSD will be ready for learning in the primary grades.

By June 30, 2020, at least 85% of GSSD students in grades 1 to 6 will be at or above grade level in reading.

By June 30, 2020, at least 80% of GSSD students in grades 4, 7 & 9 will be at or above grade level in writing.

By June 30, 2020, at least 80% of GSSD students in grades 2, 5 & 8 will be at or above grade level in math.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will reduce the number of students reporting anxiety by 5%.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will achieve an 85% three-year graduation rate.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will achieve a 90% five-year graduation rate.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD students in grades 4 to 12 will report at least a 5% increase in student intellectual engagement.

By June 30, 2020, all GSSD students will achieve at least a 5% increase in student attendance.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will promote empathy, respect, and understanding in teaching related to residential schools and aboriginal history as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action (Section 63).

Internal Processes: GSSD is committed to providing equitable, balanced opportunities among schools, students and staff.

By June 30, 2020, each functional area within GSSD will demonstrate improvement in services through the development and revision of processes and administrative procedures.

People Capacity: GSSD is a community of learners and believes collaborative partnerships with students, staff, families and community members will enhance educational opportunities.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will demonstrate a commitment to provide professional development and training to its staff.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will demonstrate a commitment to the establishment of new and reaffirmed partnerships.

Financial Stewardship: GSSD believes that we are all accountable. Board members, students, staff, families and community members have a responsibility, both individually and as part of the learning team, to participate and to contribute positively to public education.

By June 30, 2020, GSSD will implement systemic approaches to find efficiencies and increase value for money allowing the division to respond to the challenges of student and staff needs.

To achieve the goals specified in GSSD's Strategic Plan, staff complete an annual work plan related to their focus area. Work plans are continually updated and monitored throughout the school year.

For more information, you may review [Board Policy 1 Foundational Statements](#) and the [Strategic Plan Overview](#) on the Division website.

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