



**Education With Heart-Avec Coeur**

Alberta Education Assurance Measures Report  
2021 – 2022  
School Continuous Improvement Plan  
2022 – 2025



### **VISION**

Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

### **MISSION**

We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.

### **PRIORITIES**

Student Learning · Teaching & Leadership Excellence · Community Engagement

### **CORE VALUES**

Integrity · Trust · Honesty · Mutual Respect · Courage · Commitment

### **BELIEFS AND VALUES**

- The parent is the primary advocate of the child.
- Every individual has the right to a welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive learning environment.
- Rural communities contribute to the success of all our students.
- All students develop a passion for life-long learning, innovation and excellence.
- Learning is a shared responsibility between students, parents, schools and communities.
- Learners are well prepared for active citizenship.

## Public Assurance

The planning and reporting processes that school authorities use reflect the guiding principles, domains and enabling processes outlined in the Assurance Framework. Effective planning and results reporting occurs in a continuous improvement cycle and are integral to school authority accountability and assurance. The planning and reporting cycle (see graphic below) involves:

- Developing/updating plans based on results, contextual information and provincial direction,
- Incorporating stakeholder input based on engagement activities at various points throughout the process, as appropriate,
- Preparing budgets that allocate or re-direct resources to achieve priorities and meet responsibilities,
- Implementing research and practice-informed strategies to maintain or improve performance within and across domains and focused on student growth and achievement,
- Monitoring implementation and adjusting efforts as needed
- Measuring, analyzing and reporting results,
- Using results to identify areas for improvement and to develop strategies and targets for the next plan (i.e. evidence-informed decision making), and
- Communicating and engaging with stakeholders about school authority plans and results.

The Division recognizes its responsibility to keep stakeholders informed about accomplishments and work toward the plan priorities. The Division and its schools will keep its school communities and the public informed of progress throughout the year on strategies identified in the *School Continuous Improvement Plan*.



## School Profile

November 1, 2021	November 1, 2022
Junior Kindergarten - 42	Junior Kindergarten - 44
Kindergarten - 55	Kindergarten - 70
Grade 1 - 53	Grade 1 - 55
Grade 2 - 71	Grade 2 - 53
Grade 3 - 54	Grade 3 - 79
Grade 4 - 65	Grade 4 - 54
Grade 5 - 34	Grade 5 - 66
Grade 6 - 41	Grade 6 - 35
Grade 7 - 46	Grade 7 - 39

**Mission:**

Through a collaborative approach we enable all of our school community to be learners who respond positively to the challenges of an ever changing world.

**Vision:**

At École Mountain View School, students, staff, and parents work together to foster a safe and caring environment. Within our school, all children are provided with opportunities to be successful. As part of the community, École Mountain View School students become responsible, productive citizens.

**We Value:**

- A student centered environment
- Achievement in fields of learning, where everybody strives for excellence
- The development of character through the promotion of Honesty, Integrity, Citizenship, and Social Responsibility
- Students, Parents, and Staff as our community of learners
- Respect for self, others and the environment
- Open communication within our extended school community
- The recognition and celebration of successes within our school community
- Diversity in instruction, students, staff and families
- Optimism and resilience

## Principal's Message

My name is Kurt Scobie and I am the principal of École Mountain View School. All three of my children attended the French Immersion program at ÉMVS and I am proud of the education that we offer. I believe in our staff, and have seen them go above and beyond to make learning fun and meaningful. I enjoy working with such a dedicated group of teachers and support staff.

As the principal, I have made it my mission to learn every student's name and to find a connection with each one of them at the school. The start of this school could not have come soon enough and has been fantastic to welcome back our students and to meet a number of new students this year. I continue to develop relationships with the parents as well. I find time to speak to parents during the dropoff and pickup times both in and out of the school. Weekly newsletters are sent to seek input and to keep parents updated. Facebook has been a great way to share and connect parents to the learning and fun activities taking place at our school every day.

I start my day on bus supervision and say good morning to students as they get off of the bus or as I walk through the playground on supervision. Students and staff realize that my office is

open, and accessible, and it is great to see everyone feeling comfortable in coming to see me. It is imperative that we listen to the concerns and beliefs of our parents and students so that they connect with the education we deliver every day. As a French Immersion site we do our daily announcements in both French and English. While Mme Ritchie and Mme Lyons teach French Immersion, I do not, but I do my best each day to learn and use the French language. It has been quite an experience having students from all grades speak to me in French, and help to correct my grammar and pronunciation when I am in classrooms.

Our mission at École Mountain View School is to enable our entire school community to be learners who respond positively to the challenges of an ever changing world. We value the development of character through the promotion of honesty, integrity, citizenship, and social responsibility. At École Mountain View School, students, staff, and parents work together to foster a safe and caring environment. Within our school, all children are provided with opportunities to be successful. As part of the community, École Mountain View School students become responsible, productive citizens.

The School Continuous Improvement Plan is developed throughout the year and includes staff, students, and parents. We share our data with staff and parents, and work together to develop goals that are supported by effective strategies. This is the work that is done during professional development days, staff meetings, school council meetings, and professional learning community times. I also work with other principals and senior leadership during division leadership team meetings. We will be sharing and updating this document with senior leadership, trustees, staff and parents as we reach our milestones.

At École Mountain View School, we have a leadership team that shares the responsibilities for ensuring that we are one team, with one vision, working towards one goal. Samantha Ritchie and Gabrielle Lyons are our Assistant Principals, and strong French Immersion advocates. They work with all teachers, but are an important part of French programming. They work alongside myself and teachers to ensure that quality teaching is taking place in our school. Leanne Weik is our Learning Support Teacher. Mrs. Weik works with all of our teachers to ensure that all Individualized Support Plans are meeting the needs of our students. Mrs. Weik also coordinates our Educational Assistants and intervention groups where students are working in smaller groups at their instructional level, regardless of grade. Our Family School Liaison Counsellor is Kate Masters. Ms. Kate connects with students and their families and helps to alleviate feelings of stress and anxiety that can be felt by students and parents alike.

It is my sincere hope that students and parents alike feel that they are highly connected to our school. Our family of educators and support staff are here to serve.

Kurt Scobie - Principal, École Mountain View School

# Assurance Measures Survey

- Alberta Education provides all school jurisdictions in Alberta with Assurance Survey Results each year. The results for the measures of High School Completion, Drop Out Rate, Post-Secondary Transition Rate, and Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate are updated after the end of the school year.
- Parents, students, and teachers are invited and encouraged to complete the Accountability Survey (created by Alberta Education and administered at schools for students and teachers). **Parents with students in Grades 4, 7, and 10** complete or an online survey option which are both mailed directly to them.
- All students in grades 4-12 and all teachers are provided opportunities by GYPSD schools to complete the survey.
- Surveys are typically open at the beginning of January until the third week of February and results of the survey are available in October of the following school year.

Areas included on the Assurance survey and examples of questions asked to determine the ratings are as follows:

1. **Student Growth & Achievement**
  - Provincial Achievement Test results.
  - Diploma Exam results.
  - High School Completion results.
2. **Teaching & Leading**
  - Survey measure of Education Quality.
3. **Learning Supports**
  - Survey measures of Safe & Caring, Student Inclusion and Access to Supports & Services.
  - Programs, services, strategies and local measures/data used to demonstrate that the school authority is improving First Nations, Métis and Inuit student success and ensuring all students, teachers and school leaders learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives and experiences, treaties, agreements, and the history and legacy of residential schools.
  - Programs, services, strategies and local measures/data used to demonstrate that all students have access to a continuum of supports and services, including specialized supports and services, consistent with the principles of inclusive education.
4. **Governance**
  - Survey measure of Parent Involvement.
  - School authorities provide the amount budgeted for 2020/2021, the amount spent and the variance between these amounts for operational expense categories.
  - Processes, strategies and local measures /data to demonstrate that the school authority has effectively managed its resources including collaboration with other school authorities, municipalities and community agencies.

- Processes, strategies and local measures/data to demonstrate that stakeholders were engaged to develop priorities and share progress and results, including how the school board met its obligations under the School Councils Regulation, section 12.
5. **Local & Societal Context**
- Information about the school authority, students, staff and communities served (such as demographic or socioeconomic data) that provides context for the plan and report.

## Diploma and Provincial Results

Grande Yellowhead Public School division embraces the belief that all students can learn and develop their gifts. GYPSD Schools approach all measures of student success from within this philosophical framework. A vast array of classroom assessment practices, both formal and informal measures are employed to determine student success. Students receive the highest quality education and, in turn, the best opportunities to develop their gifts, talents, and potential in school and beyond.

## Division Screening Tools

GYPSD uses screening tools to assess how students are doing in reading comprehension and fluency, writing, and mathematics to inform instruction to ensure the success of all students.



# School Data Story

## **Student Success**

At École Mountain View School, we start off each day with positive student interactions. Mr. Scobie meets and greets all students outside and Mme Christiane and her breakfast team feed any and all students before school starts. Both our office staff and our teachers are greeting students at the door as they arrive both at the school and in the classroom, and all supervisors are in bright vests on supervision. Our school is both multicultural as well as multilingual. These differences are celebrated and make us a stronger community. We are well versed as students and staff in hand hygiene, cleaning, and being aware of personal space. As we have begun to resume more group and shared activities, we have noticed a stronger sense of community at ÉMVS. As a staff, we continue to work on numbers sense and the 5 pillars of reading to strengthen our teaching. We believe that with strong professional development, our students will benefit and grow throughout the year.

## **Teaching and Leadership Excellence**

École Mountain View School is using generative dialogue and a sharpened focus on classroom instruction to move teachers towards excellence. Mme Ritchie, Mme Lyons, and Mr. Scobie observes in classes and provides written feedback to teachers. Participation in Instructional Rounds, where teachers are observed by one another, has begun once again. ÉMVS will be moving forward with this as the observations and conversations are extremely valuable in building strong school efficacy. The goal is to see the school's instructional focus in the classroom visits. The school based leaders are working with classroom teachers to make sure that professional collaboration, classroom teaching, and assessment are all working towards ÉMVS' goal of creating high quality learning environments.

## **Community Engagement**

École Mountain View School has started to engage with our local school and greater community on a more regular basis. Teaching during the pandemic has made this work more difficult, but we are slowly putting this behind us. We invite our parents to engage in monthly school walks, numeracy hour, and literacy hour, but many other activities are now done virtually. Events like Remembrance Day, awards ceremonies, and parent teacher interviews have all had a classroom level virtual component. Our School Council meets monthly. We had 3 outdoor events last year. Orange Shirt Day, National Indigenous People's Day, and Fun Day were attended by the whole school and many parents. It was a great reminder about how much we miss spending time together at large events. The School Council is actively working towards the creation of an outdoor classroom. Each week there is a parent memo that shares many facets of life at our school. We use Google Forms to collect data through these messages so that we can make changes to how our school operates. We have found that the more we communicate, the stronger our community continues to be.

## Instructional Focus

At École Mountain View School we are focusing on improving writing skills, number sense, and number operations. The literacy goal is to improve writing through a focus on the 5 pillars of reading. We will continue the work of the past year, and add in before, during, and after reading strategies to liven the vocabulary and solidify meaning for students. Over the past three years, our staff has been learning how to use cooperative learning strategies in all subject areas to improve student engagement and curricular understanding. These cooperative learning strategies have allowed students to make stronger connections to the key terms in all subject areas. This year we will continue our work with a numeracy specialist. This work is done collaboratively during class time with students. Our staff continues to learn how improved number sense leads to better number operations. Students need to be able to automatically recognize numbers in a grid, build equalities from expressions, know how much more or less numbers are, and to the parts that make up a number. When this is taking place, students are building number sense at any grade level.

- All teachers will focus on creating strong writers in their classes. We will start with a focus on **Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension**.
- All teachers will focus on student thinking, reasoning and fact recall through discussion, debate, and deliberate teaching. **This is the curriculum of Number Sense.**

## School Continuous Improvement Goals

### STUDENT GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

LITERACY SMARTe GOAL 1	STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All teachers will focus on creating strong writers in their classes. We will start with a focus on <b>Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on the 5 pillars of reading</li> <li>• Using cooperative learning strategies to build powerful student vocabulary</li> <li>• Varied performance tasks, formative and summative assessments with daily student check-ins for understanding.</li> <li>• Making meaning of and responding to academic text</li> <li>• Use of word walls and spelling lists</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using Empowering Writers PD</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence of Success</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 staff members are now trained in Orton and Gillingham</li> <li>Intervention groups are being run by Teachers and Educational Assistants throughout the school.</li> </ul>	

<b>NUMERACY SMARTe GOAL 2</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All teachers will focus on student thinking, reasoning and fact recall through discussion, debate, and deliberate teaching. <b>This is the curriculum of Number Sense.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize Geri Lorway’s work on number sense</li> <li>Geri will spend 8 school days working with staff in their classes demonstrating lessons and providing feedback on lessons.</li> <li>Share successes and struggles through PLCs and staff meetings</li> <li>Mr. Scobie, Mme Ritchie, and Mme Lyons will utilize generative dialogue and instructional rounds to share classroom practice and generate feedback</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence of Success</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geri Lorway has worked with teachers for 4 days so far this year.</li> </ul>	

## TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

<b>EDUCATION QUALITY SMARTe GOAL 1</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% of parents and grade 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize cooperative learning structures</li> </ul>

<p>students surveyed say they are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of teaching at EMVS on the accountability pillar survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 90% of grade 4 students indicate that their school is good or very good on the accountability pillar survey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Utilize elements of Daily 5</li> <li>● Continue focus on student thinking, reasoning, and fact recall in Math.</li> <li>● Continue to provide Learning Support Teacher and Family School Liaison Counsellor supports.</li> <li>● Continue to hold monthly spirit and activity days such as crazy hair day and school walks.</li> <li>● Continue to celebrate our virtue program daily.</li> </ul>
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**Evidence of Success**

- 92% of grade 4 students believe that EMVS is good or very good.
- 94% of parents and 79% grade 7 students are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of teaching at EMVS.
- We have organized Orange Shirt Day, Crazy Hair Day, Wacky Sock Day/Mustache Day, and held 3 school walks, 2 literacy hours and 1 numeracy hour.
- We held our first of four virtual awards ceremonies in each class in October.

<p><b>TEACHING &amp; LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE SMARTe GOAL 2</b></p>	<p><b>STRATEGIES</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff will improve their teaching practice through classroom observations, generative dialogue, and instructional rounds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School administration will apply the Leadership Quality Standards every day.</li> <li>● Use the Teacher Quality Standard to evaluate probationary teachers.</li> <li>● Use generative dialogue to give feedback and promote discussion with all teachers.</li> <li>● Engage in Instructional Rounds</li> <li>● Use the Leadership and Teacher Quality Standard documents to create Professional Growth Plans</li> <li>● Create professional development opportunities that support the goals of the school.</li> </ul>

**Evidence of Success**

- Professional Growth Plans have been created from the Leadership and Teacher Quality Standard documents.
- Classroom observations utilize generative dialogue to create feedback that is focused on the literacy and numeracy goals.
- A professional development plan has been created to support teacher practice based on the evidence collected.

**LEARNING SUPPORTS**

<b>INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SMARTe GOAL 1</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students will have opportunities to participate in activities that promote and share indigenous culture.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The school will participate in Orange</li> <li>● Shirt day activities</li> <li>● The school will organize activities to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day</li> <li>● Indigenous students will be given leadership opportunities to help share their culture.</li> <li>● highlighting and appreciate aspects of indigenous culture through games and storytelling</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence of Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Orange Shirt Day presentation including singing, story telling, and dancing by a variety of Hinton staff, students, and community members.</li> <li>● Our Orange Shirt Day activity was a collaboration between all three Hinton schools at the Harry Collinge field.</li> </ul>	

<b>STUDENT INCLUSION AND ACCESS TO SUPPORTS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>STRATEGIES</b>

<p><b>SMARTe GOAL 2</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ÉMVS staff will implement supports and recommendations for students using a strength based model.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supervision, Music, and PE schedules include spots for one on one time and supports for our students</li> <li>● The Learning Support Teacher will work with the classroom to develop targeted student supports.</li> <li>● ISPs will reflect supportive learning and behavioral goals.</li> <li>● Utilize teachers for targeted interventions for literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>● Teachers will use the recommendations from service providers to meet student needs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence of Success</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Currently, staff use the gym, two sensory rooms, and other breakout rooms with students for one on one or small group time.</li> <li>● We start staff meetings talking about student needs and successes.</li> <li>● Time has been built into the supervision, Phys Ed, and Music schedules for individual and small group support.</li> <li>● We continue to welcome and work with external service providers.</li> </ul>	

## Professional Growth

Professional Learning responds to and reflects individual, school and district needs · supports both short and long-term goals · includes on-going self-assessment and reflection · reflects a commitment to continuous professional growth · provides opportunities for collaboration · improves practice to enhance student learning.

### We believe professional learning is the responsibility of the individual, school and division.

Data guides the decisions in both the division and the school. Your data analysis assists you in setting SMARTe goals for your school and for staff professional growth as articulated in your School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP). The professional learning needs that your instructional leadership team identify should stem from the data analysis that was completed.

### Instructional Leadership Team

Your Instructional Leadership Team is the group that will help design and deliver the professional learning activities throughout the year. When planning for professional learning, you must consider how the learning will target the needs identified above and what evidence you will see in classrooms both in teaching practice and student learning.

### Division Professional Learning Days

This section is where you will plan the details of your professional learning dates. Professional Learning dates should explore teaching and learning strategies focused on those areas identified in your data.

Date	Focus	Audience	Activities Planned
August 31, 2022	Numeracy, Literacy, and Health and Wellness	Teaching & Support Staff	Kick Off Event
October 21, 2022	Data and Instructional Focus	Teaching Staff	Data gap analysis, Instructional focus establishment
	FASD	Support Staff	FASD Network presentation
December 2, 2022	ADHD, Mental Health	Teaching & Support Staff	ADHD - Les Redick ACEs - Bonnie Randall
March 3, 2023	Mental Health	Teaching Staff	ACEs - Bonnie Randall
	Mental Health	Support Staff	ACEs - Bonnie Randall

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May 19, 2023	Numeracy	Teaching & Support Staff	Geri Lorway
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