

Quality Learning Environment

"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING"

OUR JOURNEY
IN
CHINOOK'S EDGE
SCHOOL DIVISION

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CESD Quick Stats:

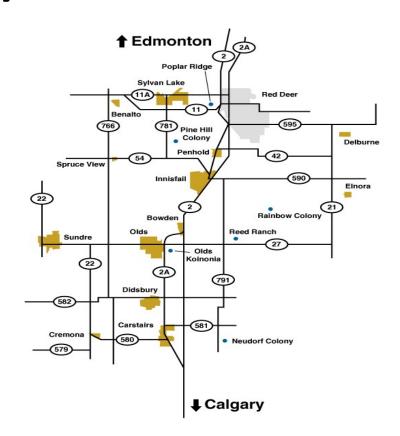
Schools: 43

Students: **10,800**

Staff: **1,300**

Mission:

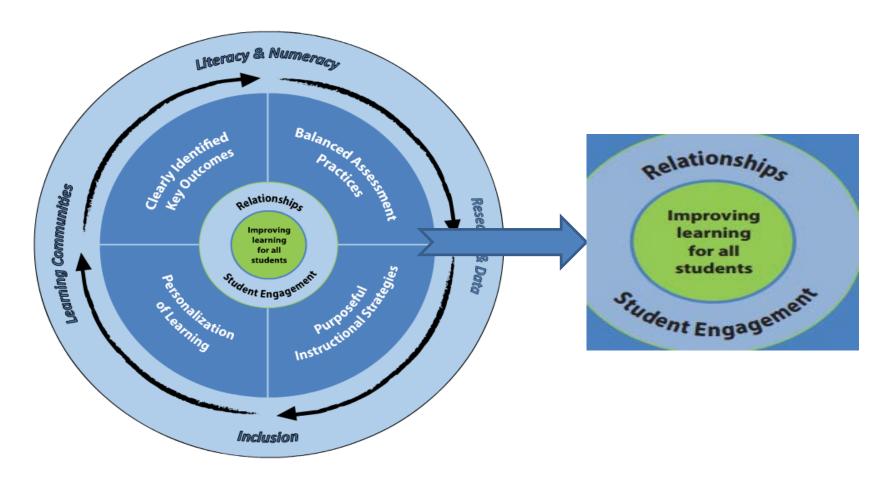
Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.







In CESD...Everyone's #1 job is Supporting and Enhancing: "Quality Learning Environments"



"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING" CESD JOURNEY...

WHERE DID WE START?

SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS COMMITTEE:

September, 2013 ...kick off...

- Gathered data from students, staff and parents
- Asked: What is working? What is not working? What needs to be considered?
- Focus Areas: Policy/Procedure; Resources/Programs; Social Media

Outcomes of Work so far:

- Policy/Procedure:
 - Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Safe and Inclusive Schools
 - » October, 2014
 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
 - » March, 2016





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SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Outcomes of Work so far:

- Resources/Programs
 - Identified numerous evidence based practices
 - Mostly delivered by Family School Wellness Workers
 - Recognized Social Emotional Learning needs to be 'embedded' in all classrooms
 - Identified we did not have 'essential outcomes' identified to measure student progress in the area of SEL



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Learning Support Teachers

 ONE of the key people along with School Admin and other education staff to support and enhance the development and implementation of 'Quality Learning Environments.'



Response to Intervention Processes

- Essential Outcomes
 - 'Core Subjects' (Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, etc)
 - 'Social Emotional Learning' K-12



Research compels us to ACT....

- <u>Social Emotional Learning</u> has positive effects on: <u>academic</u> performance; benefits physical health; improves citizenship; is <u>demanded by employers</u>; is essential for lifelong success; and <u>reduces the risk of maladjustment, failed relationships</u>, <u>interpersonal violence, and substance abuse</u> (Elias et al., 1997; Zins, Weissberg, Wang, & Walberg, 2004)
- Greenberg et al. (2003) reported that well-designed and well-implemented <u>SEL programming enhances</u> social-emotional competencies (e.g., assertiveness and communication skills), reduces internalizing and externalizing disorders, and improves academic performance.
 - Multiyear, structured classroom instruction that applies social-emotional skills to real-life situations and focuses on school ecology and climate has the most enduring benefits.

"Social Emotional Learning" **Building Essential Outcomes...**

Working group – 16 CESD staff

- Teachers/Admin/ Family School Wellness Workers/Psychologist/School Health **Facilitator**
- Represented PreK-12 grades and schools in **CESD**

Considered:

- Alberta Program of Studies
 - Health/CALM
- CASEL/research articles/Texas/Illinois

Developed Essential Outcomes:

- Five General Outcomes:
 - CASEL Five Competencies











"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING" NEXT STEPS...2016/2017

- Share SEL Journey stakeholder groups in CESD
 - Key Messages... not an add on for teachers; embed in classrooms (cross-curricular); support and training available
- Share SEL Essential Outcomes with Staff
 - Seek feedback
- Create/access 'Screening Tools'
- Identify 4-5 'pilot schools' in CESD
 - Test 'screening tools'
 - Analyze Student Data
 - Targeted Interventions implemented for students who are not meeting SEL outcomes
 - Staff training
 - Review and monitor progress







"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING" NEXT STEPS...2017/2018 and beyond

- 'Pilot schools' share their SEL journey of learning with other schools in CESD
 - Screening tools
 - Data Analysis
 - Student progress
 - Successes/Challenges





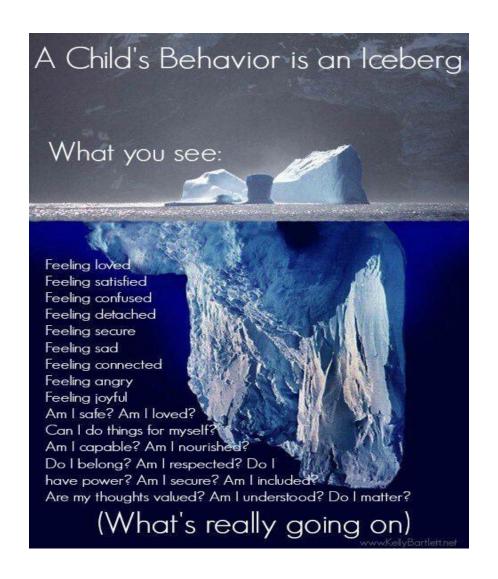


A Developmental-Relational Approach to Social Emotional Learning

Staff development training plans to equip education staff to implement 'SEL Instruction' will be based on ...

"The Developmental-Relational Approach to Social Emotional Learning"





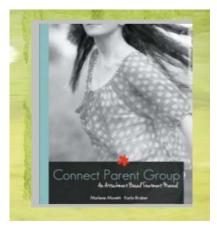
NEXT STEPS: 2016/2017 - 2019/2020

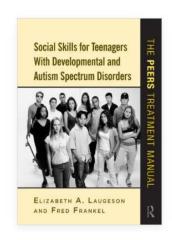
Training for staff: Based on evidence based practices...

Mental Health Literacy Project- Core Training

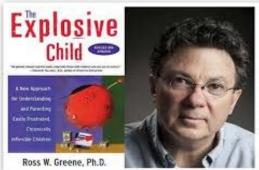
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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

