

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 16, 2025



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Strategic Priorities

Intellectual Development

Human & Social Development

Career Development

Community Partnership Development

Organizational Development

Effective Governance & Leadership



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Aligning Our Work & Priorities

Effective Governance & Leadership

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Connecting Our
Priorities



November 2025 Highlights

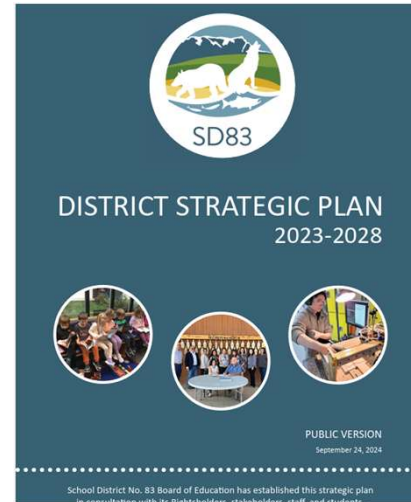
WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER STRATEGIC FOCUS

As we move into the winter season, our District remains focused on the priorities outlined in the [Strategic Plan](#), ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive. This publication, *Strategic Focus – Connecting Our Priorities*, highlights the meaningful work happening across our schools and communities that directly supports these strategic pillars.

Recent highlights include professional learning in literacy and numeracy, where educators engaged in the UFLI Learning Series, Teaching Phonics & Word Study sessions, and Numeracy Residencies to strengthen evidence-based practices. Our Early Childhood Education team has focused on supporting early literacy by exploring structured literacy strategies and resources to build strong foundations in reading. Career development activities include Take Our Kids to Work Day, post-secondary recruiter visits, and trades-focused field trips, which provide students with valuable insights into future pathways. Community partnerships and well-being initiatives such as *Mindful Moments* and new family resources on digital media literacy are helping to promote mental health and healthy technology habits.

This season is also a time to celebrate community and creativity. We invite families and community members to attend Winter Concerts at our schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the talent and hard work of our students and staff. Your presence makes these events even more special.

Stay connected and informed by visiting our [District website](#) (www.sd83.bc.ca) for important dates, news, and resources.



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Written Learning Updates

Intellectual Development



- Today marks the date of the first written learning update for Elementary and Middle Years students.
- A focus on strengths, areas of growth, and a self reflection of the Core Competencies (intellectual, personal, and social emotional goals).



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Professional Learning

Organizational Development

UFLI LEARNING SERIES



On November 4, 2025, educators came together for the final session of the UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) Learning Series. This professional learning opportunity focused on evidence-based strategies for teaching foundational reading skills, supporting educators who are new to UFLI Foundations.

Participants engaged in collaborative discussions and practical activities designed to strengthen early literacy instruction. Each attendee received a UFLI Foundations manual to help implement these strategies in their classrooms.

TEACHING PHONICS & WORD STUDY IN THE INTERMEDIATE GRADES



On November 5, 2025, teachers gathered for the concluding session of the Teaching Phonics & Word Study in the Intermediate Grades Learning Series. This professional learning opportunity, based on Wiley Blevins' *Phonics From A to Z*, provided strategies aligned with the science of reading to strengthen phonics instruction for Grades 3-8.

Participants explored high-impact routines, differentiation techniques, and intervention models to support older students who need additional literacy support. Each attendee received a complimentary copy of the resource book to continue applying these practices in their classrooms.

Building Thinking Classrooms - Math



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Supporting Early Literacy



- Professional Learning in Early Literacy
- Participants learned more about structured literacy, small group support, and playful ways to enjoy literacy.
- Thank you to District Vice-Principal of Early Learning, Allison de Boer.



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Congratulations to JL Jackson Girls Volleyball Team

Human & Social Development



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A "SOUPER" Amazing Donation

Community Partnership Development

- Thank you to the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Healthcare Auxiliary for a very generous donation of 20K dollars to continue a soup program that benefits students in Armstrong, Falkland, and Enderby



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New Grant Funding

Organizational
Development



- \$85K in Ministry Grant Funding received on December 11, 2025 to support Souper Meals Expansion and Kitchen Renovation
- The money will be used to upgrade equipment in the commercial kitchen at Zest which is where meals are prepared in Salmon Arm.



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Upcoming Registration

Organizational Development

SEPTEMBER 2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



JANUARY 14, 2026

Please register at your
neighbourhood school
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Interested in a District program?

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION

There will be an Information Session on
January 13, 2026, Bastion Elementary at 5 p.m.

OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAM

There will be an Information Session on
January 13, 2026, South Canoe School Library at 7 p.m.
Come find out what Outdoor Learning is all about!



For more information visit:
District website: www.sd83.bc.ca/registration
French Immersion Program webpage: www.sd83.bc.ca/french-immersion
South Canoe Outdoor Program website: sca.sd83.bc.ca

- Early French Immersion – January 13, 2026, 5pm @ Bastion Elementary
- Outdoor Learning Program – January 13, 2026, 7pm @ South Canoe Elementary
- K Registration at your neighbourhood school – January 14, 2026



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First Nations Education Steering Committee Conference

Effective Governance & Leadership

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