

# Walter and Gladys Hill

2022-2023 Education Plan



# School Context

- Opened in 2014. Located in Eagle Ridge. Approximately 520 students from ECDP to grade 6.
- About 60 staff members. 40% ATA and 60% CUPE.
- About 1/3 of our students are English Language Learners. We have a very small population of FNMI students.
- We were the first school in Fort McMurray to run a Reggio inspired Early Learning program. We also run a PEAK Multi-sport program.
- Our special needs program is very strong. We did have the III program at the school this year.
- Our school population is from over 50 countries and six continents.

# School Strengths

- We offer a number of special programs and partnerships at our school, including PEAK, Reggio, Confucius Program (Mandarin), MCA ELL tutoring, APPLE schools and extracurricular programming.
- Our giving spirit has highlighted a number of community initiatives this year, raising thousands of dollars for many causes (Ukraine, Christmas, Community Cleanup).
- Our inclusive education program features four school spaces for sensory with specialized equipment, a 0.5 FTE literacy teacher, and a strong Rainbow Club.

## Based on our latest AEA data...

- 91.3% of our families feel that our students are engaged
  - 100% of families feel our literacy initiatives are useful
  - 96% of families feel our numeracy work is useful
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- Daily Guided Reading has been our focus this year, and we have seen a 7% increase in reading levels based on a May 2021 to May 2022 comparison

# Academic Growth Area #1

## Literacy

- We will continue to work to close literacy gaps while addressing the changes to the new curriculum. Teachers have identified areas of weakness in phonemic awareness, rhyming, syllables, spelling, and proper sentence structure/conventions.

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## Strategies and Expected Outcomes

- Our 0.5 FTE Literacy person will continue next year, and they will focus on students approaching grade level, using short duration interventions, to regroup and access more students
- Our LAC based literacy interventions will focus on students with larger gaps and this will run for the full year
- Our CRM focus will allow us to share resources, strategies and interventions between grade levels to support and encourage differentiation

# Academic Growth Area #2

## Numeracy

- Based on our 2019 Math PAT data, our students achieved an acceptable standard of 73.2% and a Standard of Excellence of 26.8%
- This data is three years old so we have had to rely on MIPI and the upcoming June PAT data to drive our plan.

# Academic Growth Area #2

## Strategies and Expected Outcomes

- Continued use of the MIPI and upcoming PAT data will identify our numeracy areas of need
- PLF and CRM time dedicated to looking at the new curriculum will allow Kindergarten to grade 3 a better chance of seeing where objectives have shifted among grades



# Optional Share - WGH PLF Planning

- Our staff have identified three areas that they would like to pursue next school year in relation to PLF time
- These areas are Supporting LGBTQ students, Researching FNMI, and Promoting Social and Emotional Health of students and staff
- One hour per eight PLF sessions will allow PD focus on these areas

**Questions? Comments?**

