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Summary

Annual Education Results Report 2015-2016
Three-Year Education Plan 2016-2019

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Mission

Each student, in keeping with his or her individual abilities and gifts, will complete high school with a foundation of learning necessary to thrive in life, work and continued learning.

Overview

CBE offers a depth and breadth of programs and supports to meet the unique learning needs and interests of a richly diverse population. In addition to responsive and inclusive programming in all CBE schools, we provide opportunities for students to learn in unique settings and outreach programs.

Fast Facts

More than 119,147 students in 242 schools, including:

- 114,162 students between pre-kindergarten and Grade 12;
- 458 students fully enrolled in CBe-learn, our online learning program, with close to 1,900 more registered in courses with CBe-learn while enrolled at another school;
- 751 students in full-day kindergarten in 16 schools;
- 2,211 students upgrading high school courses and pursuing continuing education through Chinook Learning Services;
- 18,524 students with identified special education needs, the majority of whom are learning in their community schools;
- almost 25 per cent of CBE students self-identified as English Language Learners;
- over 4,600 students self-identified as Indigenous;
- over 8,400 students in French Immersion; and
- over 4,700 students in bilingual language and culture programs.

Student Results

On Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs):

- Grade 6 CBE results exceeded those of the province in every subject at the acceptable standard and the standard of excellence.
- Grade 9 CBE results exceeded those of the province in every subject at the acceptable standard and in three out of five subjects for the standard of excellence.

On Diploma Examinations:

- In ten of the eleven diploma examinations, the percentage of CBE students achieving the acceptable standard was equal to or above that of students in the province.
- The percentage of CBE students achieving the standard of excellence exceeded the percentage in the province on ten of eleven examinations.
- Particularly strong results were achieved in Mathematics 30-1, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30 and Social Studies 30-2 at the standard of excellence.

Details can be found at CBE Provincial Assessment & Reports

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/provincial-tests-and-reports/Pages/default.aspx>

On the Combined Accountability Pillar Overall Summary, Alberta Education records evaluations on the following measures: Achievement, Improvement and Overall. The Achievement Evaluation is based on a comparison of Current year data to a set of standards which remain consistent over time. The Improvement Evaluation consists of comparing the Current year result for each measure with the previous three-year average. A chi-square statistical test is used by Alberta Education to determine the significance of the improvement. The Overall Evaluation combines the Achievement Evaluation and the Improvement Evaluation. Details of the way these measures are calculated can be found on pages 38 - 39. On the Combined 2016 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary the following measures were evaluated by the province as Improved Significantly:

- Safe and Caring Schools
- Program of Studies
- Education Quality
- Drop Out Rate
- Work Preparation
- Citizenship
- School Improvement

CBE also earned an evaluation of Improved on:

- PAT results at both the acceptable standard and the standard of excellence
- Parental Involvement

In the following areas, already very high achievement was Maintained on:

- High School Completion Rate (3 yr)
- Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)
- Transition Rate (6 yr)

Engaging Stakeholders

The CBE is committed to implementing the CBE *dialogue* engagement framework to give students, staff, families and community members voice in decisions that affect them. This *dialogue* framework provides guidance on how people can participate in decision-making. It defines roles and responsibilities and establishes best practices to be applied across the system. The process follows international standards for effective community engagement and ultimately, leads to more informed decisions in the best interests of students.

The CBE provides opportunities for student voices through:

- the Chief Superintendent's Student Advisory Councils;
- surveys and focus groups;
- their school's Principal Advisory Council; and
- bringing their ideas and interests to the design of learning tasks.

In February 2016, more than 23,000 CBE students, over 4,800 parents/guardians and over 4,800 teachers responded to the provincial Accountability Pillar Survey.

- 89.8 per cent agreed or strongly agreed that students are safe in school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in school.
- 83.8 per cent were satisfied or very satisfied that CBE students model the characteristics of active citizenship.
- 89.4 per cent were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of basic education.

CBE Strategies for Excellence and Continued Improvement

Our overall strategy is to personalize learning and this is supported by three other strategies:

- build professional capital
- engage our stakeholders
- steward our resources

Through these strategies, the CBE supports the outcomes in Alberta Education Business Plan¹ (March 17, 2016) and aligns with provincial Key Strategies including the following:

- 1.3 implement systemic actions to further support student learning and achievement in mathematics;
- 2.1 ensure all students, teachers and system leaders learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives and experiences, treaties, and the history and legacy of residential schools;
- 3.3 foster welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments;
- 4.2 promote excellent teaching practices consistent with the Teaching Quality Standard, which guides student achievement; and
- 5.2 ensure school facilities support current and future education programming.

Financial Summary

- Alberta Education grant revenue makes up 92 per cent of total revenues.
- Funding is spent primarily on Salaries and Benefits at 78 per cent of total expenses.
- Revenue and expense increases from the prior year are driven by increases in enrolment as well as collective agreement negotiated salary increases and grid movement.
- Overall results are more favorable than budgeted resulting in a \$14.6 million surplus compared with the planned \$17.9 million deficit.

[Detailed CBE Budget & Financial Information](#)

¹ Business Plan 2016-19: Education
<http://finance.alberta.ca/publications/budget/budget2015/education.pdf>



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