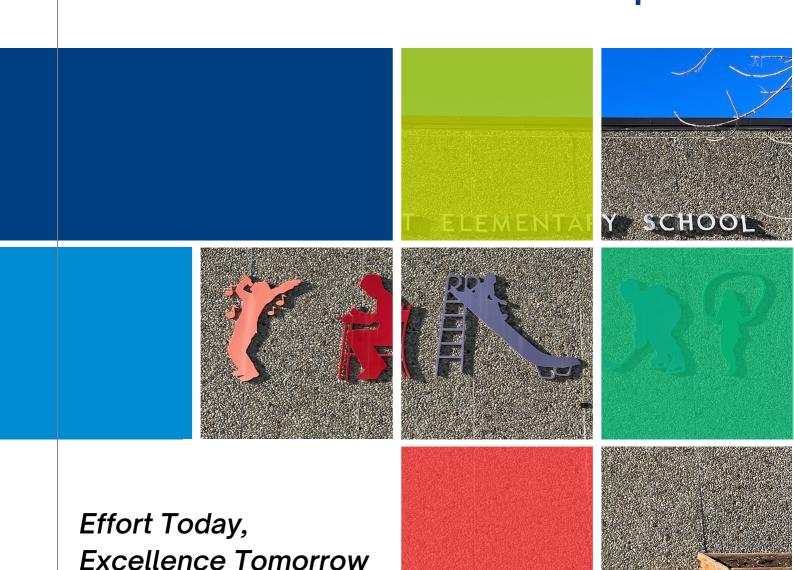
2023-2024

# Westmount School



Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report



#### School Profile

Westmount School is a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school that has a student population of approximately 400. Our programming includes full-time kindergarten classes with the option for regular kindergarten embedded. This provides our families with the opportunity to choose the program that best meets their needs. Throughout Grades 1 to 6, we have either 2 or 3 classes at each grade level. Additionally, we have Music and Physical Education programs taught by specialist teachers. Our Hockey Program, offered to interested Grade 5 and 6 students, continues to grow and is in its 10th year. New this year, we have also started a Ringette Program that has been very successful. Our Strive Program serves children with varying educational challenges. Each of these students is provided with individualized programming to meet diverse academic, social, and behavioural needs.



### Foundation Statements

#### **Mission**

Collaborating for diverse opportunities to excel as passionate learners.

#### **Vision**

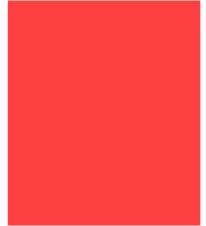
Westmount School aspires to be an exemplary, powerful learning community committed to ensuring an inclusive, collaborative thinking culture.

# Accountability Statement

The school education plan for the three years commencing September 5, 2023, was prepared under the direction of the Board of Trustees in accordance with responsibilities under the Education Act and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act.

This plan was developed in the context of the provincial government's business and fiscal plans. The Board has used its performance results to develop the plan and is committed to implementing the strategies contained within the plan to improve student learning and results.

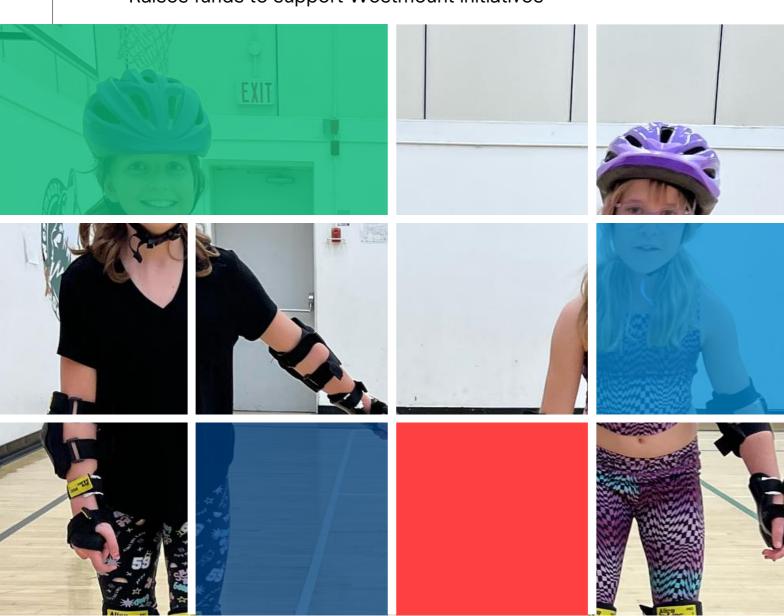




## Westmount Elementary School Council (WESC)

We are fortunate to have an active, engaged school council that supports our endeavours to develop students academically, socially, emotionally, and culturally. Through the following activities, our school council continues to support students:

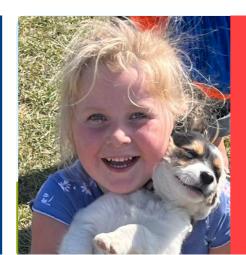
- Supports field trips, school events such as Alien Inline and the naturalization area
- Organizes and operates the hot lunch program
- Helps support the purchase of technology supports programming such as Physical Education and Music
- Volunteering
- Raises funds to support Westmount initiatives



#### **Alberta Education Assurance Measures**

# **Overall Summary**

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Assurance Domain	Measure	Westmount School			Alberta		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Ave	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Ave
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	88.3	84.3	84.3	84.4	85.1	85.1
	Citizenship	88.4	82.7	86.0	80.3	81.4	82.3
	PAT: Acceptable	71.4	78.0	n/a	63.3	64.3	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	14.3	20.3	n/a	16.0	17.7	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	94.0	91.4	93.3	88.1	89.0	89.7
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	91.4	89.0	89.0	84.7	86.1	86.1
	Access to Supports and Services	85.4	79.7	79.7	80.6	81.6	81.6
Governance	Parental Involvement	81.8	77.7	84.9	79.1	78.8	80.3



# Westmount School Goals



Goal 1

**Every Student is Successful** 



Goal 2

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students are Successful



Goal 3

Literacy and Numeracy Success for all Learners

We are deliberate in our efforts to live our school vision and mission as we strive to build connections to Powerful Learning. Enhanced student and staff learning emerges because of these intentional connections. We aim to cultivate a passion for learning in both the school and the community within an inclusive, collaborative thinking culture.

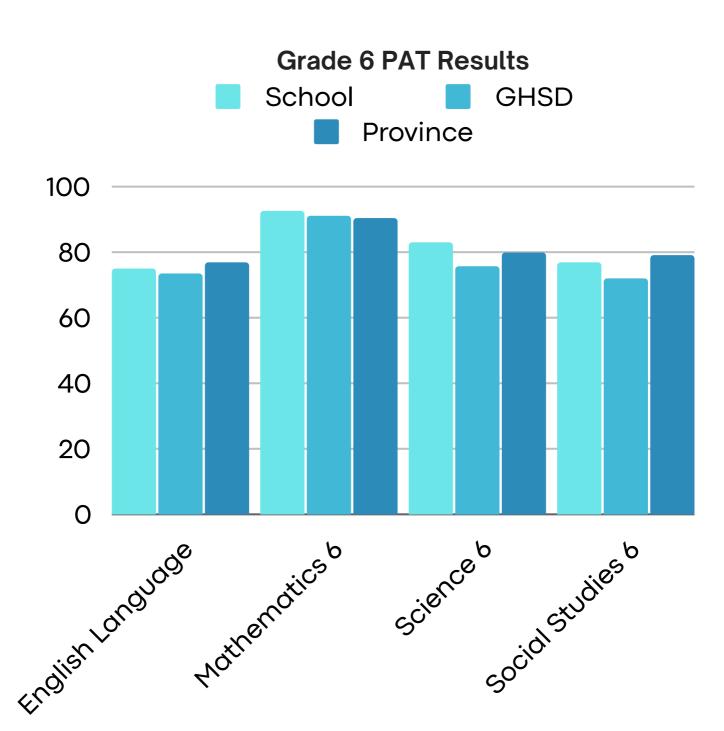
Our staff, students, families and the community work together to support students in being passionate learners within our school, local community and beyond. We regularly celebrate our learning and successes at school and on our social media platforms.







**Goal 1**Every Student is Successful

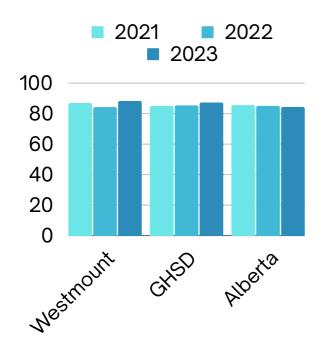




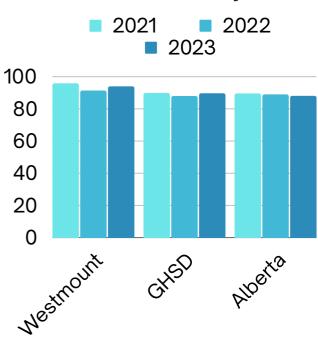
#### **Every Student is Successful**

Fostering life-long learners who become positive, contributing citizens is of high priority. In order to achieve this goal, students are provided access to quality education, services, and a learning environment that is safe and caring. We are very proud of the quality of education that students receive at Westmount School, and we constantly strive to improve the experience of our students and their families.

#### **Student Learning Engagement**



#### **Education Quality**

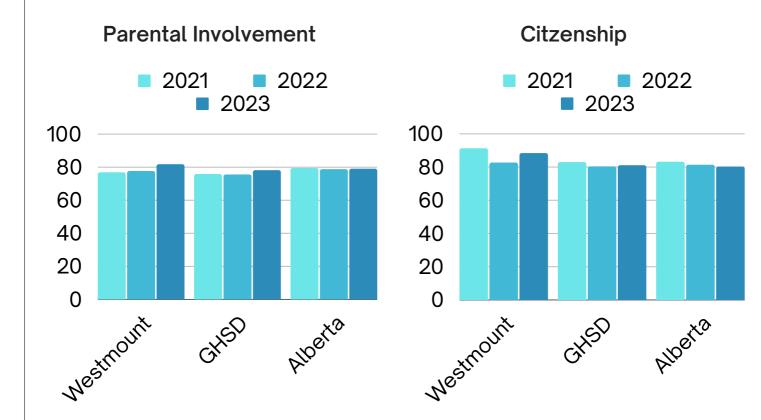








# **Goal 1**Every Student is Successful

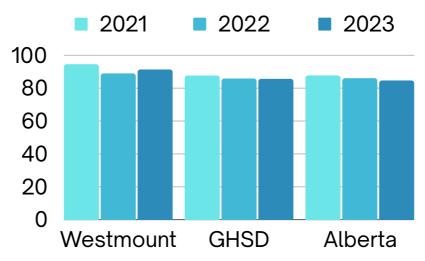






# **Goal 1**Every Student is Successful

Welcoming, Caring,
Respectful and Safe Learning
Environment





#### **Every Student is Successful**

#### **Strategies**

- Connect teachers with professional development opportunities to ensure best practices when implementing programs and strategies to support student learning.
- Provide collaborative PLC time with grade-level teaching partners to design lessons and assessments that increase thinking and lead to deeper student understanding.
- Provide students with a variety of ways to 'show what they know'.
- Provide students with online support such as speech-to-text or a reader through access to Read & Write for Google.
- Participate in division-wide focus groups that are topic or subject-specific.
- Ensure appropriate and effective assessment of student learning.
- Access support from Instructional Coaches to implement differentiated strategies and assistive technology to ensure all students are successful in the classroom.
- With support from experts, collaboratively design learning opportunities that address areas of challenge as indicated by Provincial Achievement Test results.
- Support Plans (Individual Program Plans, Individual Support Plans, Behaviour Management Plans, and Medical Management Plans) are designed around individual student success, differentiation, and the use of effective accommodations. These plans are created with input from families.
- All students have access to technology (Chromebooks/iPads/View Sonic Boards) to support learning in meaningful and engaging ways to increase student achievement.
- Intentional connections to monthly virtues to foster successful workplace attitudes and behaviours are created.







# First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students are Successful

We are proud of the support that have in place for our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students at Westmount School. FNMI students have access to learning supports including Emerging Readers, Literacy Success, Early Literacy and Numeracy Intervention, and Family School Community Resource Program. Additionally, Westmount School collaborates with Golden Hills School Division to offer cultural opportunities such as an annual powwow, princess and warrior pageant, and chief and council inauguration. We will continue to strive toward improved achievement for our FNMI students.

Assurance Domain	Measure	Westmount School (FNMI)			Alberta (FNMI)		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average
Student Growth and Achievement	PAT: Acceptable	71.4	60.0	n/a	40.5	43.3	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	0.0	10.0	n/a	5.5	5.9	n/a

# First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students are Successful

#### **Strategies**

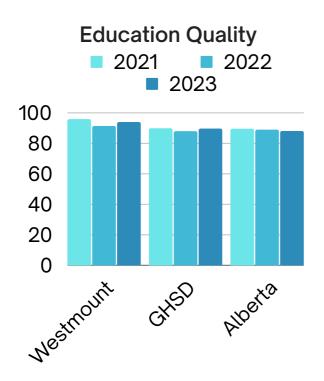
- For the 2023-2024 school year, we continue to have a full-time Siksika liaison
  who works with students academically and culturally. This role is designed to
  provide our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students with ongoing support, positive
  relationships, and strong, meaningful connections to culture.
- Our Siksika liaison presents to each class about a cultural topic. Most often, these
  presentations are linked to school-wide events such as Orange Shirt Day,
  Indigenous Peoples Day, Ribbon Skirt & Shirt Day, Rock Your Mocs, and Chief &
  Council elections to name a few.
- Westmount School strives to be inclusive in all that we do. All students participate
  in activities that promote Blackfoot culture.
- Pookaiks 'Children' Club provides students will an additional opportunity to explore the Blackfoot Culture. This club meets at recess and is designed to further delve into culture.
- Miss Westmount School and Westmount's Warrior represent Westmount School at Powwows and other events throughout the year.
- Westmount School's Chief & Council takes a school leadership role alongside our Grade 6 Student Government.
- Blackfoot words of the day in the morning announcements.

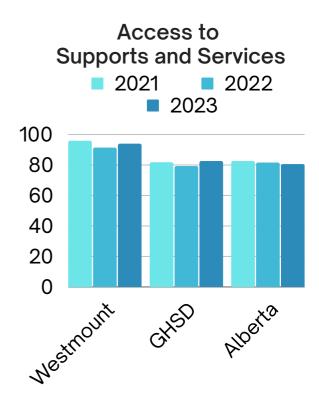




# Literacy and Numeracy Success for all Learners

At Westmount School, we strive to provide diverse and inclusive learning opportunities for all students. Foundational skills in literacy and numeracy are our priority and are supported with several programs such as Early Literacy Interventions, Early Numeracy Intervention, Emerging Readers, and Literacy Success. This year, as a school, we continue to focus on strong Numeracy pedagogy and are working alongside experts to enhance effective instruction.





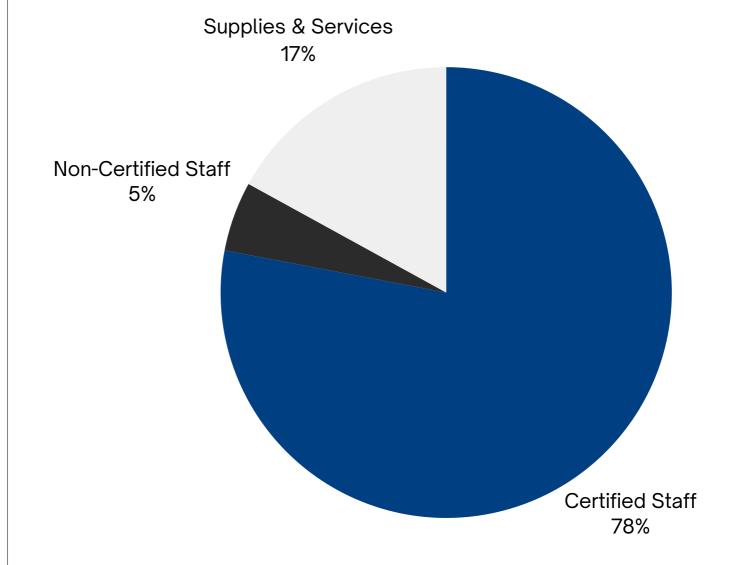
# Literacy and Numeracy Success for all Learners

#### **Strategies**

- To ensure a positive learning environment for all students, we have a collaborative approach with students, families and staff. We are community focused.
- Identify competencies, attitudes and behaviours essential for success as an engaged citizen and communicate to families how these are taught through conversations, modelling and social media.
- Teachers access support from Instructional Coaches to implement differentiation strategies and assistive technology to ensure all students are successful in the classroom.
- Our Strive program is designed to meet the diverse needs of our learners while
  also being inclusive. Students work on individualized goals independently, in small
  groups, and within classroom settings. Inclusion is the ultimate goal for all our
  students.
- Our Resource Team meets weekly to explore opportunities and supports needed for students to reach their full potential. This is a highly collaborative approach and relies on the strengths of all staff and school partners.
- Westmount students have access to learning supports including Emerging Readers, Early Literacy and Numeracy, and Family School Community Resource Program.
- Use of research-based Fountas & Pinnell literacy kits for assessment.
- In-class small group and individual reading instruction.



# **Operating Budget**





#### Parental Engagement

To ensure that families engage with our school, we aim to offer multiple opportunities for them to provide input and hear directly from the administration and teaching staff. This is achieved through the following strategies:

- Continue to communicate with families and the community about Westmount School, upcoming events, and its students' accomplishments. This is done through our website, social media, weekly emails from teachers, and our bimonthly school newsletter.
- Encourage parental input in regard to their child's Individual Program Plan.
- Foster the positive relationship we have with our School Council.
- Continue to tweak our school newsletter to make it interesting, informative, and easy to read.
- Our student government enables our student population to maintain a direct line of communication with the school administration. This is vital in maintaining a positive school culture.
- Continue to employ a collaborative decision-making model.



#### **Opportunities for Students**

- Options is a class for our Grade 5 and 6 students that provides students to experience a variety of learning opportunities across six different subjects.
- Makerspace, which occurs in the library, provides students with the opportunity to explore an ever-changing assortment of activities that involve designing, building, and creating.
- Hockey & Ringette Program for interested Grade 5 & 6 students takes place twice each week. During this time, students learn about collaboration, perseverance, and teamwork.
- Our yearly Collaborative Drama Production engages interested Grade 5 & 6 students as actors and encourages students to take risks. Every student and staff member plays a role in the production through multigraded departments such as Costumes, Props, Advertising, and Choreography to name a few.

#### **Celebrations of Student Success**

- Celebrate successes through assemblies, social media, phone calls, and emails.
- Continue to 'tell our story' to each other, our families, and the community.
- Continue to develop our virtue program around the school vision and mission and the core values of responsibility, respect, collaboration, empathy, and perseverance.
- Assemblies: Virtue Awards, Circle of Excellence, Sporting Spirit Awards

















#### **Extracurricular Programming**

- Collaborative Drama Production
- Intramurals
- Hall Monitors/Office Helpers
- School Safety Patrols
- Grade 6 Volleyball and Basketball
- Swimming Lessons
- **Christmas Concert**
- Westmount Run Club
- **Cross-Grade Buddies**
- Student Council
- Chief & Council/Tribal Support Committee
- Wonderful Works of Westmount
- Alien Inline
- Hockey & Ringette Program
- Makerspace
- Westies Sport Start
- Multi-Sport Program













#### **Student Leadership Development**

- Grade 6 Student Government, a group of elected Grade 6 students, is building skills of citizenship and volunteerism while becoming strong leaders in our school.
- Westmount Chief & Council and the Tribal Advisory Committee take on a leadership role with Pookaiks Club.
- Circle of Excellence, which is held every month and is a direct reflection of our motto 'Effort Today, Excellence Tomorrow', celebrates individual achievement with the entire school community.
- To ensure a positive learning environment for all students, we have a collaborative approach with students, families, and staff. We are community focused.
- Identify competencies, attitudes, and behaviours essential for success as an engaged citizen and communicate to families how these are taught through conversations, modeling, and social media.

#COLLABORATIVE #INCLUSIVE #COMMUNITY #THINKINGCULTURE #PASSIONATELEARNERS #WONDERFULWESTMOUNT





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