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improving education

OUR STUDENTS RECEIVE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Over 90% of all parents who completed the FSD Assurance Survey agree that FSD provides **quality teaching and education**. They report that their children find schoolwork **challenging and interesting**, and they understand what they are expected to learn. Parents believe their children are learning what they need to know, including **useful skills like numeracy and literacy.** FSD strives to improve the student experience at each school, regardless of grade, stage, or community, ensuring learning consistently is high quality.

OUR PARENTS ARE INVOLVED

Your participation in this survey is a **significant contribution** to your child's learning. Some other examples of parent involvement include:

- **Attending** school events/performances
- **Connecting** with your child's teacher(s)
- Viewing your child's gradebook in the **Edsembli Family Portal**
- Attend **learner conferences** (parent-teacher interview)
- Attending **School Council** meetings

WE BUILD MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

We collaborate with local groups to support our students' needs:

- **The Network,** an organization that helps children and youth thrive through programs such as Ready to Learn, Youth Mental Wellness, and the Youth Integrated Community Hub.
- We also have our own services to promote mental health and wellness among our students.
  - **Minds Matter** is a program that runs throughout the year in various schools and reaches out to youth in both school and community settings.
  - **Students' Matters** is a student-led initiative that involves learners from grade 4 to 12 in addressing the well-being of their schools.

STUDENTS EXPLORE FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit ways of learning and culture, and steps to advance Truth & Reconciliation are integrated into student learning.

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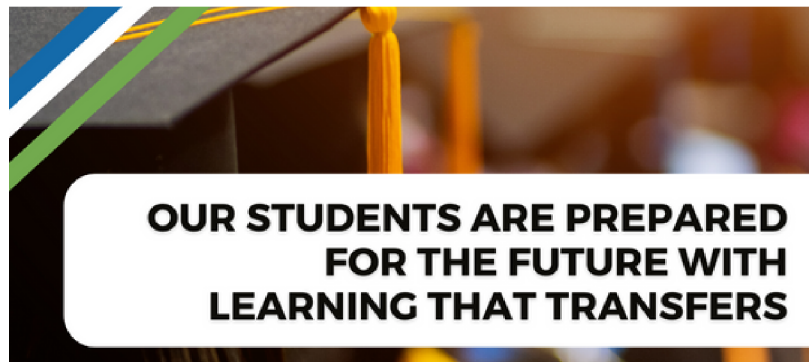## STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED TO SET THEIR LEARNING GOALS

Students have the opportunity to explore interests and set challenges for their learning. This **Learning for Transfer** prepares students for life beyond school, building critical thinking, problem solving, and technical skills.

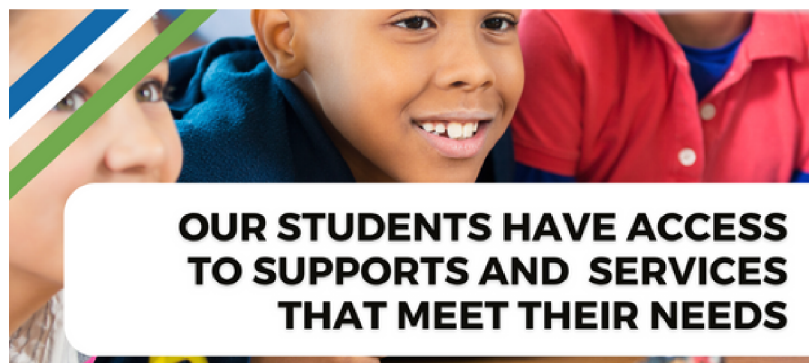## OUR SCHOOLS WORK CONTINUOUSLY TO IMPROVE LEARNING

Our schools work continuously to improve learning. In 2023, over 80% of all parents say that **citizenship, student learning and engagement, safe, caring welcoming environments, are significant strengths** at FSD. Our parents have indicated that the **program of studies has ranked higher than the province** average. Some of our learning opportunities include:

- **Technology:** access to learning tools in the class, maker-centered learning, Career Technology Foundations and Career Technology Studies , robotics, my Blueprint
- **Drama, Music & Fine Arts:** Winter/Spring school-wide performances, drama classes, plays, band concerts, artist showcases.
- **Health & Phys Ed:** Implementation of new PhysEd and Wellness curriculum at the K-6 level, extracurriculars (teams, clubs), Career and Life Management (CALM), financial literacy through industry partnerships.
- **Another language:** French Immersion, French Second Language, Spanish

You can find results from previous assurance surveys within our Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

OUR STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE WITH LEARNING THAT TRANSFERS

Students are **prepared for life after school** and to be **positive citizens** within their community through their learning competencies in critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving. These skills are integrated into daily learning, building a solid foundation of soft-skills that lead students into **successful academic and career options.**

OUR STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO SUPPORTS AND SERVICES THAT MEET THEIR NEEDS

Our schools are equipped with several avenues of supports and services for students. This includes one-to-one help, but also considers supports in a larger sense. You and your child can access these supports and services:

Wellness and Social-Emotional Support
- Family School Liaison Counsellors & Youth Development Counsellors
- Youth Development Coaches
- Community Support Partners: The Network, Inclusion Foothills, AHS

Academic Supports
- Academic and Career Advisors (Career Counselling and Programming Support for High School Students)
- Learning Coaches
- Educational Assistants
- Connecting with your school for additional learning supports for help with reading, writing, and mathematics (literacy and numeracy)

Engaging Programming
- Learning Commons (School Library Services)
- In-school groups including Students' Matters who provide voice at the school and system level
- Career Technology Foundations and Career Technology Studies Programming