

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Fraser School: "Working Together to Develop Responsible Life-long Learners"

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INFORMATION

Fraser School, located in northeast Edmonton, is a kindergarten to grade 6 school serving 313 students. The motto of the school "Working together to develop responsible life-long learners" is reflected in the high levels of achievement attained by students, the quality of programming delivered by teachers, and the strong positive support given by parents. The school serves the immediate community of Fraser and draws students from other areas because of parental choices. Currently, one per cent of the population is coded as special needs students, with only one student being bussed to the school. At Fraser, we believe that balancing all effective teaching and learning strategies and matching them to the needs of the students, with a focus on reading, writing and mathematics is important for students to achieve their best.

Programming includes

- expectation of high standards of behaviour inside and outside the classroom
- implementation of learning skills such as phonics, spelling, reading for detail, reading for the main idea, drawing inferences etc.
- acquisition of a wide range of reading books at multiple reading levels(supported by funds raised by Friends of Fraser, parent group)
- implementation of small class sizes in grades 1-3, grades 4-6
- provision of extra support for combined grade classrooms
- implementation of extended kindergarten hours (.500 FTE)
- implementation and alignment of provincial curriculum
- utilizations of services from outside agencies such as the speech pathologist, counselling provided by ESHIP
- support for two way communication of school and home
- support for special activities – e.g. drama activities (shadow puppets), Easter eggs

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