



Happy Friday June 26, 2020!

For some of you, this will be your final day prior to heading into the Summer 2020 Break. For others, it is the beginning of the weekend with Monday to look forward to!

Typically when I go to my Optometrist and they tell me that my vision is 20/20, I associate that with 'perfect vision and clarity'. It is safe to say that, thus far, the year 2020 has provided us with anything but 'perfect vision and clarity'! At no point in time did I even believe that I would be thinking of September 2019 as the 'good old days'!! Our youngest son supports families as they walk through grief. Two of the primary 'goals' in that process are the absolute needs of 'comfort and predictability'. I would offer that, on September 1, 2019; I honestly did not feel as though I was lacking in either. The day was filled with excitement and anticipation around the thoughts of the 'new' school year and all that it was going to offer.

Well, suffice it to say, the 2019 – 2020 School Year has been anything but 'comfortable and predictable'! These past 15 weeks have not been a smooth ride and next 15 weeks, I would believe, will not be significantly different. They will be filled with challenges and decisions, highs and lows, laughter and tears. Optimists might label them as 'growth opportunities'.

The one thing that I am confident of is that we will find a way to make it work! I am consistently inspired by the energy, creativity, commitment and passion of all educators in our region and in our province.

As we look to Fall of 2020, the goal of the Learning Network Educational Services continues to be, "To be responsive to the needs of the education partners that we are privileged to serve."

Our Designers of Professional Learning, Charlie Kraig, Lana Lane, Dan Nash and Jackie Ratkovic continue to be available to meet with you to design and provide ongoing professional learning support that is intentionally constructed to meet the needs of your team.

The Provincial Priorities for the 2020 – 2021 academic year have been identified as: Inclusive Education, Curriculum and Pedagogical Practice, Literacy, Numeracy, Mathematics, First Nations, Métis and Inuit, Instructional Leadership and Other Regional Priorities as they emerge. These priority areas will also remain for the 2021 – 2022 academic year.

We are privileged to work closely with the other six consortia that comprise the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia and are collaborating to provide you with multiple online professional learning opportunities beginning in mid to late August and well into the Fall of 2020. As the Alberta Education Relaunch Strategy is confirmed on August 1, the LNES will continue to work with all of our education partners and stakeholders to ensure that we are providing professional learning support in a way that honors our realities and is targeted to the needs of educators in our region.

Please be sure to visit our website (www.learning-network.org) frequently over the summer as professional learning opportunities will continue to be added as they are finalized.

The Learning Network Educational Services office will close for the summer at 12:00 p.m. on Friday June 26 and will re-open for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year on August 17, 2020. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at brent.allen@learning-network.org

THANK YOU for the privilege of serving and supporting you in the amazing work that you do for our children, our families and our communities.

Wishing you a Safe and Relaxing Summer,

Brent