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Goal 1: Facilitated professional development, which supports the effective implementation of components of the Alberta Education Business Plan, Jurisdiction and school education plans, and Education Partner Strategic Plans.

After stakeholder engagements regarding identified and emerging needs, the ARPDC 2022-2023 Annual Plan was completed with the following key strategies:

- *Key Strategy One - Collaboration on Curriculum Implementation*
- *Key Strategy Two - Sharing of Resources*
- *Key Strategy Three - Communication of Progress and Opportunities*

Goal 2: Facilitate professional development which supports the effective implementation of curricula, including instruction, assessment and student learning outcomes

Related to the Beyond Orange Shirt Day Grant, ARPDC continues to provide opportunities related to the New Blood Play and corresponding lesson plans all housed on the [Empowering the Spirit website](#).

Goal 3: Coordinate, broker and act as a referral centre to assist partners to identify available professional development resources.

Working to facilitate greatly reduced rates for access to large-scale training for education assistants across regions with the discussion focused on scaling the work provincially with Dr. Julie Causton and Dr. Kristie Pretti-Frontizcak of Inclusive Schooling. This is particularly advantageous to collections of smaller rural jurisdictions. The test of this has been undertaken in the CASSIX region.

Goal 4: Deliver professional development based on the identified and emerging needs of educational partners.

Members of the ELAL ARPDC team are creating a bi-weekly Book Talk podcast in support of ELAL resources for the classroom and professional reading across the curriculum. One of the early episodes will feature the authors of “Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A White Town and the Road to Reconciliation”

Goal 5: Promote and support the development of professional development leadership capacity.

All Consortia are engaged in the development or delivery of professional learning focused on enhancing leadership capacity. These opportunities have taken many forms, such as in-division capacity building, speaker series and collaborative communities.

Goal 6: Provide educational partners with access to professional development at a reasonable cost.

We continue to work with partners across Alberta to support professional learning at a reasonable cost.



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Goal 2: Facilitate professional development which supports the effective implementation of curricula, including instruction, assessment and student learning outcomes.

Our team continues to provide support in Mathematics, English Language Arts and Literature, and Physical Education and Wellness implementation sessions. We are supporting the development of provincial resources and website work.

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The Education Assistant training partnership across the CASSIX region was brokered by SAPDC in cooperation with Inclusive Learning's Dr. Causton and Dr. Pretti-Frontzcak. We are evaluating expansion, where appropriate, in the province.

We have established a working relationship with the authors of "Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, A White Town and the Road to Reconciliation," resulting in 50% off and free shipping of the book to schools and divisions on purchases of 20 books or more.

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In response to concerns related to student engagement, wellness and leadership issues, sessions were held with teachers and students in November to build out a series of sessions and conferences during the balance of the year.

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Continue to invite school and division staff to share their talents and work on committees across the priority areas of the region and province.

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We rolled out a regional approach to some Education Assistant-centered professional learning that saved each division, had they gone alone on the project, well over 15 000 CAD each.

