Superintendent Report

Board of Education Meeting

November 17, 2026

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Aligning Our Work & Priorities

Effective Governance & Leadership



STRATEGIC FOCUS
Connecting Our Priorities

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October 2026 Highlights

WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER STRATEGIC FOCUS

This edition of *Strategic Focus - Connecting Our Priorities* highlights how our schools and departments are advancing the goals of the District Strategic Plan. This publication showcases the collective efforts of our schools, staff, students, and community partners as we continue to bring our Strategic Plan to life. Inside this edition, you will find highlights connected to the following priority areas:

- Intellectual Development – Pro-D Sessions, Media Literacy Week, UFLI at Sorrento Elementary, Communicating Student Learning
- Human & Social Development – Learning About Ḵwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw at Sorrento Elementary, National Mental Illness Awareness Week, Celebrating Halloween
- Career Development – Exploring Careers in Skilled Trades and Manufacturing, Dual Credit Information
- Community Partnership Development – Sxwetsméllp Outdoor Learning Foundation Celebration
- Organizational Development – Student Accident Insurance Information, Administrive Procedure Updates, School Bus Safety Week, Fire Drill Practise at Grindrod Elementary
- Effective Governance and Leadership – Trustees Elected to the 2026-2030 Board

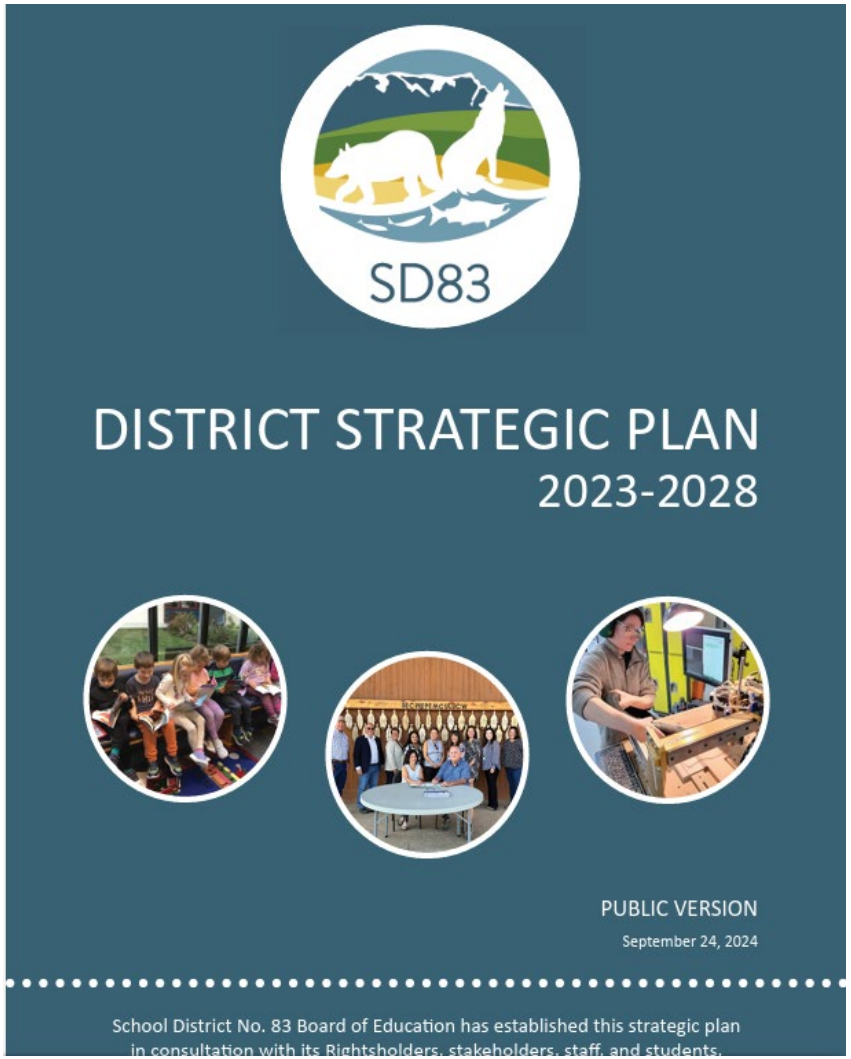
UPCOMING DATES

November 3	Inaugural Board Meeting, 6 pm
November 7	Sxwetsméllp Village Celebration
November 9-13	Secondary Written Learning (S1)/ Informal Learning Update (Linear)
November 11	Remembrance Day, no school
November 17	Regular Board Meeting, 6 pm

Stay up to date with important dates including holidays, professional development days, and school events (Calendar - Ḵwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw, 2026-2027-School-District-Calendar).

2026-2027 School District Calendar

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OUR VISION Preparing students to become educated citizens who contribute positively to a dynamic, sustainable, and diverse world
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DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN
2023-2028

PUBLIC VERSION
September 24, 2024

School District No. 83 Board of Education has established this strategic plan in consultation with its Rightsholders, stakeholders, staff, and students.

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Strategic Priorities

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- Human & Social Development
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Congratulations and Welcome











Deepening Literacy Learning





- Grade 3 teachers across the district participated in a second session of a professional learning series focused on strengthening early literacy instruction with Dr. Jen Kelly.
- Teachers had the opportunity to explore assessment practices, analyze student data, and refine instructional planning to better support student learning.
- Time was spent on Developing and analyzing class literacy profiles, taking a deeper dive into the DIBELS assessment data, planning effective small-group instruction and adapting lessons to meet student needs, supporting differentiation, and using data to identify next steps for instruction.

This professional learning series reflects the District's ongoing commitment to supporting literacy achievement through evidence-based instructional practices and collaborative learning opportunities for educators.

Reading at Grindrod Elementary

Community Partnership Development

Intellectual Development



The Come Read with Me program, sponsored by the ***Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society (LASS)***, recently welcomed 14 parents of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students to Grindrod Elementary for a session focused on supporting reading development at home.

During the 60-minute workshop, parents learned practical strategies to build their children's reading motivation and confidence.

Enderby Community Garden Partnership





- Moving forward to strengthen food security, environmental stewardship, and community connection.
- Collaboration between Enderby Community Garden Society, M.V. Beattie, A.L. Fortune, and SD83.

DPAC Symposium





Postponed from November 18, 2026 @ 5:30pm to a future date and time

Topics of Discussion:

- Bullying(prevention, reporting, and responses)
- Student Support (Inclusion Resource Teachers, Parent Handbook)
- Parent Communication Strategy

Kindergarten Registration



Early French Immersion: January 6, 2027 @ Shuswap Middle (6pm)

Outdoor Learning School: January 11, 2027 @ South Canoe (7pm)

K Registration: January 13, 2027 @ neighbourhood schools (9am – 2pm)

Moving Toward a Single-Track K-7 French Immersion School

What has been done	What still needs to be accomplished
• Planning for the distribution of resources/furniture from Shuswap Middle School (SMS) to Salmon Arm urban and rural feeder schools • Co-planning with Operations regarding playground location and planning • Co-planning with Operations regarding the optimization of space within SMS as we transition to a K-7 school (location of K classrooms, washrooms, learning commons/library space, grade entrances, etc.) • Consultation with French Immersion staff at Bastion • French Immersion Parent Survey	• Establishing a “Name Change” committee utilizing our AP • Recruitment of French speaking staff for the new K-7 school • Playground design and installation • Washroom and classroom modifications • Expression of interest for a second administrator to join Val Edgell • Parent tours • Transition opportunities for Bastion students • Q & A documents for staff and public

Recognizing Principals/Vice-Principals



NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, JUST SHOW UP AND DO THE WORK.
IF THEY PRAISE YOU, SHOW UP AND DO THE WORK.
IF THEY CRITICIZE YOU, SHOW UP AND DO THE WORK.
IF NO ONE EVEN NOTICES YOU, SHOW UP AND DO THE WORK.
JUST KEEP SHOWING UP, DOING THE WORK, AND LEADING THE WAY.
LEAD WITH PASSION.
FUEL UP WITH OPTIMISM.
HAVE FAITH.
POWER UP WITH LOVE.
MAINTAIN HOPE.
BE STUBBORN.
FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.
REFUSE TO GIVE UP.
IGNORE THE CRITICS.
BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE.
SHOW UP.
DO THE WORK.
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID.
TRUE GRIT LEADS TO TRUE SUCCESS.