



# 2026 School Planning

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# 2026 School Planning

- Welcome
- Agenda
  - Presentation
  - Q & A
  - Gather feedback
  - Meeting evaluation



# 2026 School Planning



The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Share information about school planning at Vista Heights School.
- Gather feedback that may be considered in making future school planning decisions





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## School Planning and You





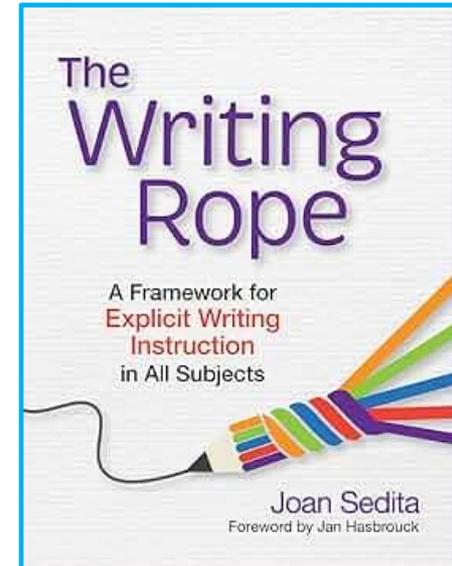
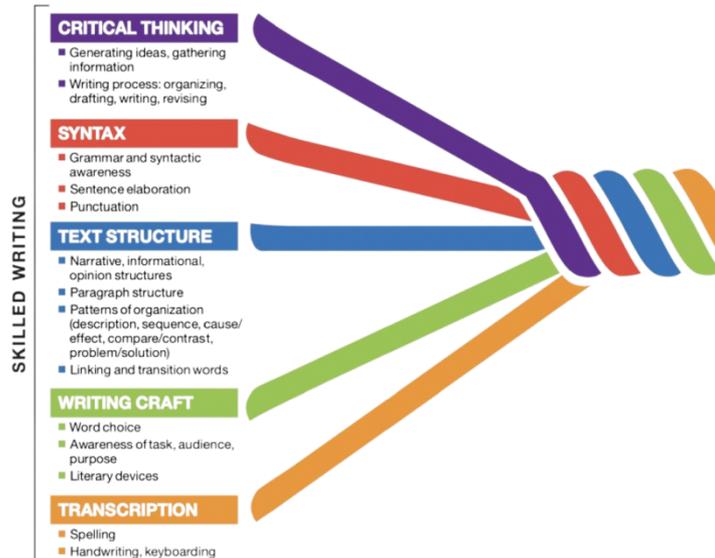
## How is Our School Development Plan Used?

- Guides ongoing assessment and review of goals and actions.
- Our school development plan is the driver for closing learning gaps and informs:
  - Instructional strategies
  - Professional learning
  - School structures and processes for learning
  - Resources to improve student learning
  - Data-informed decision making

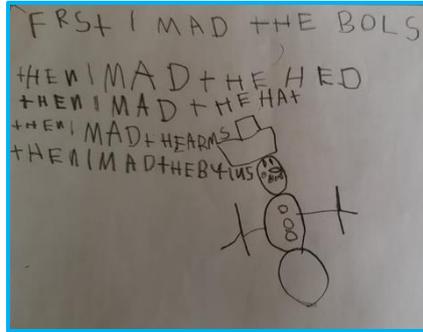


# School Development Plan – School Goal

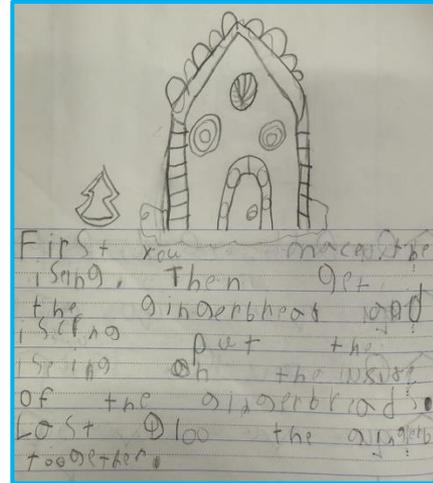
**Goal:** Student achievement in literacy will improve.



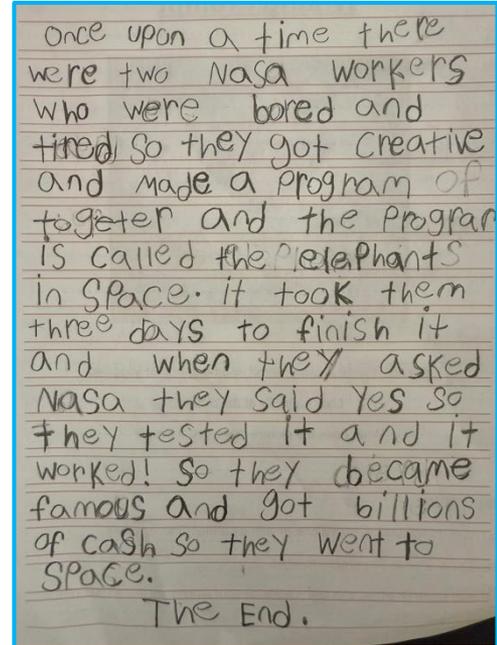
# Division I (K – Grade 3)



**Kindergarten**  
Procedural Writing



**Grade 1/2**  
Procedural Writing



**Grade 3**  
Narrative Writing

# School Development Plan



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Would you rather live in a place  
near an ocean or a place with a lot  
of trees.

I would rather live near both  
because if I can live near trees  
they look so amazing and green is my favori  
cloure. Also when you look from a balcony  
and you take a picture  
when its the morning like when the  
sun is rising it would look awesom  
better if I lived near a ocean I  
can play in the water and make  
a sand castle when the sun is going  
down the view will look stunning.  
But if I the ocean when I swim in  
it my eyes will burn. Also

Grade 4  
Opinion Writing

Write your complete paragraph here.

**Blessd** [Stiven Mesa Londoño] has worked with several well known artists such as Maluma, Justin Quiles, and Myke Towers. Blessd is interesting because he has a real story behind his music, and he's not just an artist, he's also involved in football and business. Blessd started 2021, when he signed with Warner Music Latina and dropped his first studio album *Hecho en Medellín*.

Blessd is authentic, he turned his tough upbringing into hits like '**Medallo**'. Blessd is talented, he mixes singing and rapping in reggaeton and Latin trap and Blessd had a very hard childhood, His parents separated his adolescence in Bogotá as difficult because he had a hard time communicating with his step-father and was far away from the rest of his family.

And because all that, i think **BLESSD** is very interesting person.

Grade 5/6  
Persuasive Writing



## School Development Plan – Outcome

- **Outcome:** Students' written communication will improve through intentional focus on text structure (paragraph skills and types of writing).
- **Outcome:** Student word level encoding skills will improve through daily explicit instruction and practice of applying their phonics knowledge of decoding to writing.





## School Development Plan – Outcome Measures

- Report Card Data – ELAL (Writing Stem)
- Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) Results - English Language Arts Part A (Writing)



## School Development Plan – Data for Monitoring Progress



- Monthly tracking of student writing samples to demonstrate progress in text structure
- Words their Way – Spelling Inventory
- Word Level Encoding Data
- Teacher Self-Assessment Tool (Outcome: Assessment is ongoing and embedded throughout cycles of learning)
- UFLI progress monitoring spelling assessment (spelling and encoding skills)

# School Development Plan – Actions



## ■ Learning Excellence

- Explicit teaching of writing strategies
- Analysing monthly writing samples to inform programming
- Building reciprocal reading/writing connections through daily encoding and morphonology practice
- Providing consistent, specific and timely formative assessment to move student learning forward

# School Development Plan – Actions



## ■ Well-Being

- Providing repeated opportunities for learners to practice and consolidate literacy skills and knowledge
- Participating in iterative cycles of instruction, assessment and adjustment to respond to student needs
- Engaging learners through thoughtful selection of topics
- Enhancing student ownership of growth through goal-setting
- Using technology to support literacy practices

# School Development Plan – Actions

- **Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion**

- Incorporating content connected to the students' cultural background, life experiences and languages
- Utilizing EAL strategies to support vocabulary development
- Empowering student voice in learning and assessment
- Referencing mentor texts, writing examples and success criteria



# Questions?

We'll take a few minutes to answer questions about our school development plan.

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## Our School Budget

- Our school received funds in 2025-26 to provide a quality education to our students and meet the goals in our school development plan (SDP).
- At least 75 per cent of budgeted funds covers **staffing** and the remaining portion covers instructional and operational **supplies**.



# Our 2025-26 School Budget

- Our student enrolment for the current year is 135.

## RAM Allocations

Per School Total

\$942 941

Per Student Total

\$659 000

**Total RAM Allocations**

**\$1 601 941**

## RAM Deployment

### Scenario A

Organization

FTEs

Teachers

\$1 175 192

9.8

Support Staff

\$104 425

3.9

Administration

\$310 546

3

Total Staffing

\$1 590 162

15.7

Supplies/Other

\$11 779

Decentralized Budget

-\$23 076

**Total RAM Deployment Plans**

**\$1 601 941**





## Our 2025-26 School Fees

We will consult with families by outlining proposed activities for the upcoming year that may require a fee.

- Examples may include:
  - Field trips
  - In-class activities
  - Residencies
  - School-wide events
  - Guest speakers
  - Learning supplies



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# Our 2025-26 School Fees

- 2024-25 Report to Parents on Fees [here](#).

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**Vista Heights School**  
Report to Parents / Guardians on Fees | 2024-2025

### Field Trips, Events, In-School, Activities, Teams, Clubs

	Revenue	Expenses
<b>Field Trips, Activities, In-School</b>		
Kamp Kiwanis Outdoor School Gr 6 (Fees received from Parents/Guardians)	\$ 1235.00	\$ 7790.00
School Enhancement Society	\$ 5756.20	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6991.20</b>	<b>\$ 7990.00</b>
<b>0Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ -998.80</b>



# School Council Expenses

- Alien Inline Skating Residency \$3500
- Grade 5/6 Healthy Living School \$2500
- Grade 3/4 Wastewater Plant Field Trip \$500
- Grade 1/2 Zoo Field Trip \$240 (+ grant) & Teachers Pet (\$600)
- Kindergarten Zoo & Telus Field Trip \$1250
- Indigenous Knowledge Keepers \$3000
- Frisbee Rob Presentation \$750
- Art Supplies \$2000
- Physical Education Equipment \$1500
- Fitset Ninja Program \$1000



## Gathering Your Feedback

Feedback is important as we consider school planning. When students, families and staff work closely together, students achieve greater success in their learning.

We'd now like to gather your feedback on some specific questions.

# Gathering Your Feedback

## School Development Plan (SDP)

We share SDP information and updates in different ways. In what ways have you learned about our SDP?

- School website
- School council meeting
- SchoolMessenger
- Other

# Gathering Your Feedback



## School Development Plan (SDP)

The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Do you agree that:

- Your child's learning can benefit from the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP?
- The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP?



# Gathering Your Feedback



## School Budget & Fees

Schools must operate within their budget and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, what activities and services are most important to you?



# Gathering Your Feedback



## School Budget & Fees

Do you agree that:

- The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for your child's learning?
- The school fees you pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide your child?





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## Next Steps

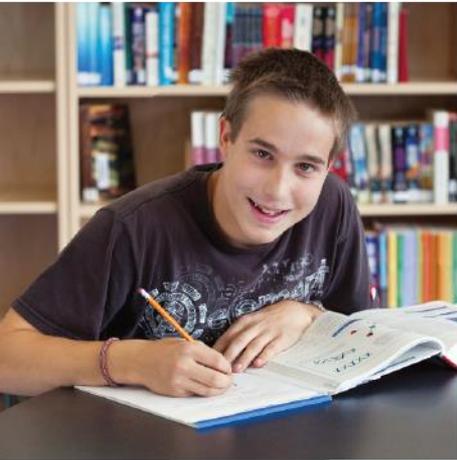
- We will update our school website with:
  - A summary of feedback gathered at tonight's session by February 27, 2026.
  - A meeting evaluation summary by February 27, 2026.
- Share information about student results and the school development plan at our November 2026 school council meeting.
- Our updated school development plan will be posted on our school website by November 30, 2026.



## Wrap-Up

- Thank you for your participation!
- Please take a few minutes at this time to share your feedback about this meeting.





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**There can be no dialogue without you.**