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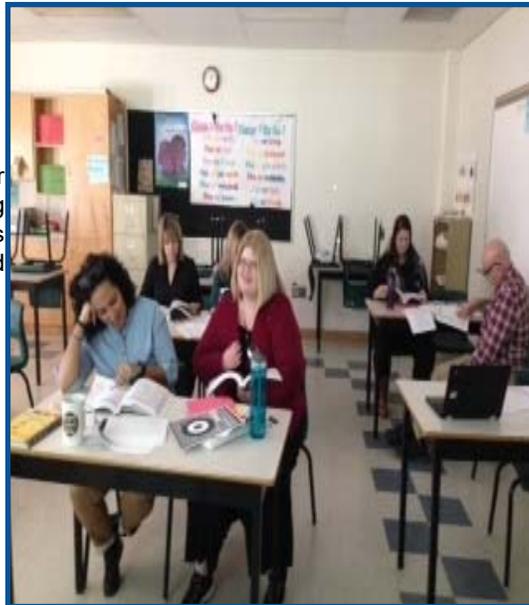
SRCE Literacy Strategy

Based on teacher feedback collected from a survey of literacy-based topics, Grades Primary to 6 teachers throughout the Strait Region participated in self-identified, job-embedded professional learning, with a focus on literacy development for their students. This model of professional learning will be part of a continuum of activities that will be offered in the 2018-2019 school year that is responsive to teachers' identified learning needs and the learning needs of students.



Teachers at Antigonish Education Centre focus on supporting Guided Writing in their classrooms in a session facilitated by Cathy DeCoste-Couture.

Teachers at St Andrew Junior School focus on Guided Reading and Guided Writing in a sessions facilitated by Wanda Fougere and Elizabeth Teasdale.



Nova Scotia Teaching Standards

Teachers are encouraged to provide feedback on the Nova Scotia Teaching Standards at teachingstandards@novascotia.ca or through submission of survey #2, available on the NSTU website until midnight April 29, 2018. This is your opportunity to provide input on an initiative that will be the foundation of many other structures within the education system, including a professional development framework, performance appraisal template, professional growth planning and leadership standards.

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Strengthening Safe and Inclusive School Environments

SRCE Mental Health Strategy



As part of the **SRCE Mental Health Strategy** and as a follow up to regional inservicing provided to all schools, all Grades Primary to 6 teachers at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy were supported by Rob Wolf, Guidance, and Teacher Courtney Cameron in PATHS training. Additional training at SMEC/A will be provided to support staff, including lunch supervisors, with an implementation plan for all P-6 classrooms currently underway. One of the many excellent examples throughout the Region of school-wide approaches to promoting mental wellness and pro-social behavior!

SRCE Culturally Responsive Practices Strategy



Members of the SRCE Culturally Responsive Lead Team completed four days of inservicing with Dr. Sharrokky Hollie on culturally and linguistically responsive teaching and learning. This team will provide leadership on classroom practices for student success as we continue to promote culturally responsive practices throughout the region. Dr. Hollie will be visiting the Strait Regional Centre for Education in the Fall of 2018 to share his expertise with all teachers and support implementation of culturally responsive pedagogy in our classroom practices. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting professional learning opportunity!

What's New in Curriculum?

Citizenship 9—Implementation: September, 2018

This course will replace the current Social Studies Grade 9 curriculum. It is currently being piloted in English and French Immersion classrooms across the province, including Dalbrae Academy and Richmond Education Centre/Academy in the Strait Regional Centre for Education. Teachers scheduled to teach Citizenship 9 in 2018/19 are invited to join in a series of webinars as part of the professional development being offered. Webinars are available at rebrand.ly/CIT9Webinar from 3:15—4:30 pm on the following dates: April 26 or May 30 (Introduction), June 5 (Resources), June 7 (Service Learning), June 12 (Assessment).