

Programs and Student Services

Student Wellness: The “On-Ramp” for Learning!



Schools throughout the SRCE have applied sensory paths and stencils in and out of the classroom to promote physical activity and positive student engagement throughout the school day. If it's good for the bicep, it's good for the brain!



Positive greetings at the start of the school day create learning environments where students feel happy, safe and ready to learn. St Mary's Education Centre/Academy students are greeted by their mascot “Sparty”. Elementary students at Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy are met by their teachers with a welcoming greeting of their personal choice. Great examples of relationship-building by making connections at the door!



SRCE STAFF PREPARE FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR THROUGH SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!



As part of the annual professional learning sessions held in August, teachers/administrators new to Options and Opportunities (O2) and Cooperative Education were introduced to the revised Co-op Curriculum.

As part of the summer learning opportunities offered by the Programs and Student Services Department, teachers from across the region opened their classrooms for their colleagues to share ideas on classroom set up, curriculum ideas and launching the school year.



An orientation session for new teachers in the SRCE was hosted by the Human Resources and Programs Departments.

Welcome to the SRCE team!

The new SRCE Reading Recovery training group attends initial training sessions, under the leadership of RR Teacher Leader Eryn Sinclair. Welcome Eryn and new Reading Recovery Teachers to a network of teachers who support students throughout the Region.





How are our students doing? How do we know?



School staff across the SRCE spent the day on September 4, 2019, “diving” into data and evidence of student learning to establish their priorities to support student wellness and achievement!

Strait Regional Centre for Education System Improvement Priorities

1. Improve Student Achievement in Literacy

- 1.1 Increase the percentage of students meeting expectations on **analysis (level 3) questions** as measured by grade 3, 6, 8 and 10 assessment data.
- 1.2 Increase achievement in writing grades 4-6.

2. Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics

- 2.1 Increase the percentage of students meeting expectations on Analysis level questions as measured by grade 6 assessment data.
- 2.2 Increase the percentage of students meeting expectations on the number strand in grades 5-10.

3. Foster student well-being through the creation of positive, safe and inclusive learning environments

- 3.1 Support social, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness amongst students.



Jacob Gale, Director of Mi'kmaw Services, DEECD, and Miranda Gould, Coordinator of Mi'kmaw Education Services, SRCE, worked with regional student services staff on historical, intergenerational trauma of the Mi'kmaw people and the historical significance of traditional symbols.

Introducing the SRCE Equity Team



The SRCE Equity Team will focus on building capacity throughout the system to create welcoming schools that are responsive to the wellness and academic needs of all students, valuing their culture, race, socioeconomic status, learning style, country of origin and sexual orientation. We look forward to working with all schools on initiatives that promote equity and celebrate diversity!

L-R: Kathy Rhodes (Coordinator, African Canadian Education Services), Debbie MacDonnell (Student Services), Lynn Casey (Student Equity Consultant), Miranda Gould (Coordinator Mi'kmaw Education Services), Annamarie Talbot (Student Services).