



Dear Colleagues,

The purpose of *Education Week* is to call attention to the importance of education and to show the public the good things happening in Alberta schools.

The Education Week theme for the past three years has been ***Learning is a Journey*** and what a journey it has been! The first four months of 2020 have seen us sailing through rough seas spiked with challenging winds and unexpected changes of course – yet each of you have risen to the challenge.

Teachers have a crucial role in our Division – illuminated more so in the light of the COVID pandemic. In addition to ensuring student learning remains a top priority, teachers have worked to ensure schools have served as fact-based information hubs, provided digital devices and technology support, facilitated access to nutritional meals for struggling families, and maintained access to mental health supports and counseling. I have tremendous pride in the partnerships that exist between teachers, students, and families in the support of student learning.

The excellent learning opportunities teachers provide in Grande Yellowhead Public School Division encourage rigour, creativity and critical thinking that will make a lasting impact in the lives of our students ensuring their success as global citizens.



Thank you to every teacher who, on a daily basis, makes a positive difference in the lives of our students.

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