


## ARPD Report – September 2023

Please join us for the provincial **Orange Shirt Day and Beyond** virtual learning planned for students and teachers from Sept 25-29th. All schools, board members and parents are welcome to register. <https://empoweringthespirit.ca/orange-shirt-day-and-beyond/upcoming-events/>

	Monday September 25 10:30am	Tuesday September 26 1:00pm	Wednesday September 27 9:00am	Thursday September 28 1:00pm	Friday September 29 9:00am
	Dance	Sport	Music	Visual arts	Storytelling
	Featuring Pow Wow Dancing	Featuring Indian Relay Races and Lacrosse	Featuring Drumming and Inuit Throat Singing	Featuring Painting and The Gift of the Creator	Featuring The Legacy of Residential Schools and why we need to continue the conversations in Alberta.

### Indigenous Language in Education Symposium

The Alberta Government and the ARPD entered into an agreement for ARPD to host an *Indigenous Language in Education Symposium* in the 2023-2024 school year. This virtual symposium is tentatively scheduled for late January of 2024. The purpose of this invitational symposium is to

- provide professional learning opportunities for educators about Indigenous language resource development;
- highlight the positive partnerships between education stakeholders and Alberta Education;
- elevate the importance of preserving, maintaining, strengthening, and revitalizing Indigenous languages;
- and celebrate the work accomplished through the ILE Grant Program.

### Success with Autism Conference

ARPD will be hosting Dr. Temple Grandin for a one-day conference entitled Success with Autism on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. Dr. Grandin is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. As a popular inspirational speaker, she lectures to parents and teachers on her experiences with Autism. Educators, parents, and community agencies are welcome to register for the event at <https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=13346>.

### Provincial Curriculum Committee Updates

ARPD staff and consultants gathered in Edmonton from September 6th-8th to confirm the terms of reference and work plans for the 2023/2024 provincial committees. Current ARPD plans include the establishment of provincial committees to support the implementation of the four new provincial curricula. As further curricula are announced by the Minister of Education, ARPD will add to the provincial committees to provide the required support.

- The ARPD quarterly report in November will provide the CASS Board with specific details regarding the work plans of the various provincial committees. Quarterly reports are posted on the ARPD website.

### Implementation Toolkits

Provincial committees, established to promote collaboration and the sharing of resources across the province, have created toolkits to support the implementation of new curriculum. The toolkits were released as .pdf documents that contain resources organized around four key themes: Foundational Knowledge, Planning, Assessment, and Resources. The resources contained within the toolkits reside

on the [New Curriculum Resources](#) page of the ARPDC website. In addition to being posted, the Toolkits have also been emailed to school district leads.

### **New Curriculum Website Enhancement**

ARPDC continues to focus on the amalgamation of web resources into one provincial collection. The New Curriculum website will house all resources created in support of curriculum implementation within the province. School authorities are invited to contribute to this collection to enhance provincial collaboration. ARPDC created resources will be linked to New Learn Alberta through the creation of Boards pointing to resources housed on the [New Curriculum Website](#).

### **Assurance Framework Development**

The Assurance Framework Committee, with the leadership of Dr. Gloria Antifaiff, is now entering the last phase of the development process. Feedback on moving from a traditional reporting framework to an assurance reporting framework was gathered through Regional Advisory Committees and the Provincial Advisory Committee. The next phase of the project is to select a tool for the collection of data and to begin building awareness with school authorities on the timelines for the 2023-2024 school year. The initial data collection to initiate the framework is scheduled for January 2024.

### **Human Resources**

ARPDC welcomed two new Regional Directors to begin the 2023-2024 school year.

- Diana White has assumed the position of Director for the Central Alberta Regional Consortium (CARC). Diana comes to ARPDC from the division office team at Battle River school division and has an extensive background in K-12 education.
- Brent Thomas has assumed the role of Director for the Learning Network Educational Services consortium (LNES) in Northeastern Alberta. Brent comes to ARPDC from Lloydminster Public School Division where he served as a key member of their division leadership team. Brent, like Diana, also brings an extensive background in K-12 system leadership.



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