



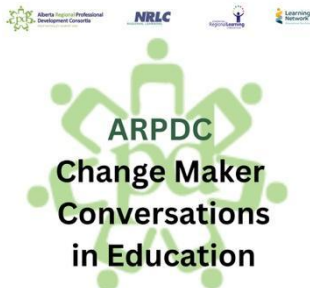
**Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia**  
*Adult learning for students' sake*

## Spring (Feb/March) 2024 CASS Zone Report

The [2022-2023 ARPDC Annual report](#) and [2023-2024 Annual Plan](#) were presented and approved at the December CASS Board of Directors meeting.

ARPDC has completed the first provincial survey to gather data to inform the creation of a new Strategic Plan as part of the Assurance Framework. The initial survey had over 600 submissions, including over 50 individuals willing to participate in provincial focus groups scheduled for April. ARPDC would like to thank CASS members who helped distribute and complete the survey. ARPDC eagerly anticipates the opportunity to continue engaging with school authorities to refine programming and services.

We continue to add resources to the curriculum website in support of the new curriculum this year and additions to the curriculum now in year two. The website is designed to support the existing curriculum moving forward K-12.



**ARPDC Podcast Channel** – Podcast episodes are being well received and provide learning and resources for our listeners. **Searching ARPDC Change Maker Conversations on Apple, Google, or Spotify will bring you to the podcast.** Many of our guests have subsequently presented provincially available workshops. We welcome suggestions for guests to the podcast. Email your suggestions to [resources@arpdc.ab.ca](mailto:resources@arpdc.ab.ca)



## Where can I access online and, in some cases, in-person learning opportunities available province-wide?



ALL provincially available sessions are most easily accessible through the [www.arpdc.ab.ca](http://www.arpdc.ab.ca) website. Click on the Learning Opportunities tab right next to our New Curriculum Resources tab.



ARPDC is committed to opening learning opportunities to all educators whenever possible, regardless of where they live in Alberta. This is most easily achieved in our online learning opportunities. Sessions offered by our team of **“Designers of Learning”** are offered **free of charge** as part of our commitment and plan of operations. Online sessions involving presenters external to our organization are offered at a minor cost, subsidized by our operating funds, all to bring teachers the best learning opportunities available. In-person sessions may be open to others outside of a region or partnering School Division(s) when space is available. If you can see a learning opportunity on the [ARPDC main website](#) it is a provincially available opportunity. **Please Note:** Regional offices handle the registration for provincial learning opportunities listed on the ARPDC Website. Regional office websites have Provincial and regional-only learning opportunities listed. Regional-only are most frequently related to school and division professional learning days.

## Some of the provincially available external presenter sessions or series of sessions upcoming Feb - Early May include:

[16th Annual Autism Conference](#) | [Nawal Qarooni presenting: Cultivating Nourishing Caregiver Collaborations: Growing Community with Multilingual Learners and their Families](#) | [Dr. Ron Ritchhart - Cultures of Thinking Fellows Series](#) | [Dr. Peter Liljedahl - Who Teachers the Teachers](#) | [Karen Filewych - How Do I Get Them to Write and Write Well](#) | [Alberta Rural Education Conference 2024 \(ARPDC registration support and partner\)](#) | [John SanGiovanni - Mathematics Fluency-Adding & Subtracting Fractions & Decimals and Multiplying & Dividing Fractions & Decimals](#) | [Trevor Aleo - Language Unbound](#) | [Kyle Webb - Building Thinking Classrooms \(In Calgary\)](#) | [Cognitive Coaching Seminar multi-day series \(In Red Deer\)](#) | [John Clarke Adaptive Schools Foundations multi-day \(In Red Deer\)](#) | [Dr. Dave Carter Principles of Standardized Testing - Level B Assessment](#) |

Provincially available sessions provided by our team of **Designers of Professional Learning (DPL's)** and external presenters, as illustrated above, support a wide range of topics and needs for educators, some during the school day, some outside of the school day, and just about every school day of the month.



Our three priority areas: **New Curriculum Support, Quality Teaching**, which supports a range of focus areas including but not limited to all curricular support in non-new curriculum subjects, Inclusive Education, First Nations, Métis and Inuit integration, Literacy and Numeracy (beyond new curriculum) and CTS/CTF, and **Quality Leadership**.

We encourage Division and School leaders to reach out; we can support your division and school-based professional learning days.

Take a peek through our provincially offered sessions(English and French), and if what you are looking for is not there, please contact your regional office, and we will see what we can do to support your needs.

## Upcoming provincial work in support of collaboration and Alberta Learning

ARPDC team members have had the opportunity to meet and work with Alberta Learning's technical development and content team as we work to support the rollout and educator use of Alberta's new curriculum support website. The entire K-12 Curriculum across all subjects will eventually be on the website following the same structure you see presently with K-6. The website's interactivity is being enhanced, as is the work on what is referred to as "The Boards." ARPDC team members are building capacity with Alberta Learning as they work to improve the boards' collaborative nature with the dynamic curriculum's interactive functionality.

In closing, this is a **request to our system leads and partners**. The early returns of the Assurance Survey, referenced above, are clear: those who know who we are and use the services we provide are very positive about the work; we have areas to grow and are committed to improving and appreciate the feedback identifying areas for improvement; our request from the data is to help keep your teachers, 1st year to 35th year and beyond, **in the know** that our seven offices across the province are here to help and our websites and sessions are available for that purpose. We are seven offices working together to support all in education across Alberta.

