



Mental Health in Schools Pilot

Enhancing the mental health of Alberta's students

Role of school authorities

Schools are essential settings for mental health supports and services and the education system plays an important role in contributing to enhanced positive mental health in children and youth. The role of school authorities in the provision of a robust mental health supports and services is prevention, promotion, early and short-term intervention, and establishing partnerships for barrier free access of an integrated pathway to, through and from specialized services.

Mental Health in Schools Pilots

To support school authorities in enhancing their mental health continuum of supports and services, Alberta Education is providing \$50 million for 80 mental health pilot projects utilizing new and innovative approaches to support students' mental health and well-being. As supporting the mental health of students is a shared responsibility, school authorities are partnering with a mental health provider or other entity in the two-year pilots.

Findings from the Mental Health in Schools Pilots are being carefully considered in informing future funding and policy and ensuring an informed approach in moving forward to support mental health in schools.

An informed approach

Alberta Education is developing a strong understanding of Alberta's context as it pertains to mental health in schools through a coinciding grant provided to Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary. Werklund School of Education is conducting an extensive mapping of the pilots including current strengths, needs and gaps and promising practices in ensuring future decisions are responsive to need and Alberta's context.

At the same time, the team at Werklund School of Education is conducting research into a framework to support school and school authority leaders in what is required in the provision of a robust mental health continuum of supports and services including tools for implementation. While this framework is being informed by research, extensive stakeholder engagement conducted by Werklund is ensuring the framework is responsive to Alberta's unique context.

Successful applicants

The following school authorities are successful applicants or partners with fully executed contracts in the Mental Health in Schools Pilot.

First Call: December 2022 – December 2024

Almadina School Society

Aurora Academic Charter School Authority

Battle River School Division

Bears paw Christian School Society and BCS@Home

Black Gold School Division

Buffalo Trail School Division

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Calgary Board of Education

Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School Division

Chinook's Edge School Division

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Separate School Division

Northland School Division

Palliser School Division

Parkland School Division

Paul First Nation Education Authority

Peace River School Division

Peace Wapiti School Division

Pembina Hills School Division

Phoenix Education Foundation

Prairie Land School Division

Prairie Rose School Division

Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division

Clearview School Division
Connect Charter School Society
Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord
Conseil Scolaire Centre-Est
Conseil Scolaire FrancoSud
East Central Alberta Catholic Separate School Division
Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division
Edmonton Public School Division
Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division
Elk Island School Division
Elves Special Needs Society
Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division
Foothills School Division
Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Fort McMurray School Division
Fort Vermillion School Division
Golden Hills School Division
Grand Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Grand Prairie School Division
Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division
High Prairie School Division
Holy Family Catholic Separate School Division
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Horizon School Division
Ignite Centre for e-learning/
Lethbridge School Division
Little Red River Board of Education
Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division
Livingstone Range School Division
Medicine Hat School Division
Medicine Hat Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Mikisew Cree First Nation Education Authority
Northern Gateway School Division

Red Deer School Division
Rocky View School Division
St. Albert School Division
St. Paul School Division
St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate School
Division
STEM Innovation Academy Society
Sturgeon School Division
Sunchild First Nation Education Authority
Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton
Wild Rose School Division
Wolf Creek School Division

Second Call: September 2023 – June 2025

Aspen View School Division
Calgary Academy Society
Canadian Rockies School Division
Conseil Scolaire du Nord-Ouest
Edison School Society
Edmonton Academy Society for Learning Disabled
Father's House Christian Fellowship-Sturgeon County
Grande Yellowhead School Division
Heart Lake First Nation Education Authority
Holden Rural Academy Society
Independent School Authority Ltd.
Kainai Board of Education
Kitaskinaw Education Authority
Lakeland Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Lloydminster Public School Division
Lloydminster Roman Catholic Separate School Division
Northern Lights School Division
Strathcona Tweedsmuir School
Westwind School Division
Yellowhead Koinonia Christian School Society