

# The **BIG** Picture

## CARING COMMUNITIES

We recognize that the involvement of parents, families and communities in a student's education is a key enabler of their success. We believe schools are the heart of the community and the soul of the neighbourhood, and we are committed to building collaborative partnerships with our communities to support the needs of our students and families, and support wider community dialogue on how education is delivered in Vancouver. We envision a School District where parents, families and communities embrace the value of public education and are actively engaged in supporting student success.



This strategic plan sets out our vision for the future of public education in the Vancouver School District, articulates the long-term goals and priorities we intend to focus on to ensure we achieve the vision, and provides overall direction for the School District.

This plan has been developed by the Board of Education, in consultation with our partners. It is presented as a work-in-progress, to stimulate ongoing input and feedback from all our communities of interest through fall 2011.



Engaged Learners  
Inclusive Schools  
Caring Communities

# SUCCESS For Each & Every Student

## ENGAGED LEARNERS

We recognize that students who are actively engaged in their own learning are more likely to achieve their highest potential for success. We are committed to supporting and enabling student engagement through innovative teaching and learning practices, and encouragement in extra-curricular activities. We envision a School District where our students are energized by their learning, have a voice in how education is delivered, enjoy the learning process, are involved in school life outside of the classroom, take pride and delight in their achievements, and develop a passion for learning that is lifelong.

## INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

We recognize and respect that students learn in different ways and face different challenges to learning. We believe every student should have access to the opportunities they need to meet their full potential and we are committed to ensuring equity of access to learning programs and services across the School District. Our commitment to personalized 21st century learning will see us continue to be flexible and responsive to individual learning needs while ensuring a focus on improving outcomes for all students. We envision a School District where every student has equal opportunity to succeed.



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## 2011-2016 Strategic Plan

Vancouver School District

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## 1 Students are fully engaged in learning

- Develop educational policies and practices that actively engage all students in their learning
- Employ assessment practices that provide on-going feedback, learning improvement opportunities, and guide practice
- Increase student voice in learning, planning and policy development
- Employ technology to support and enhance teaching and learning
- Create learning environments that support student engagement
- Provide professional development and training in instructional and assessment practices that engage students
- Support students in preparing for their future
- Promote socially responsible behaviour in both the real and virtual societies

## 2 All students are included and have the opportunity to succeed

- Differentiate the allocation of resources to improve equity of opportunity for all students, with an emphasis on supporting improved outcomes for students who face barriers to learning e.g., some Aboriginal students, students with special needs, ESL students, and students living in poverty
- Improve equity of access to programs and services across the School District
- Increase responsiveness to individual student learning needs

## 3 Our communities, families and educational partners are effectively engaged in supporting student success

- Extend integration with community agencies and build positive, collaborative relationships to support the work of our staff in meeting the needs of students, families, and the School District
- Strengthen School District governance structures, processes and practices
- Engage families directly in supporting student success and provide information and tools to support their involvement
- Expand communications with our communities, families and educational partners to support greater awareness of the School District and the value of public education

## 4 Our school district is efficient, effective and sustainable

- Advocate for adequate, predictable and stable funding to support financial sustainability
- Effectively manage the resources of the School District to support student learning opportunities
- Develop technology infrastructure that supports teaching, learning, and system-wide efficiency and effectiveness
- Ensure healthy, safe and sustainable facilities
- Develop and enhance the capacity of staff to meet the core purpose of the School District