

## Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) Professional Learning Plan 2017-2018

As an advocate for quality professional learning, and as a service provider, ERLC works with its partners to develop, implement, and measure the impact of professional learning that supports adult learning. The ERLC Mission is ***“Partners in Adult Learning for Students’ Sake”*** (<http://www.eric.ca/who/default.php>). Based on this mandate, the ERLC works with [18 school jurisdictions](#) in the region as well as band operated schools, charter schools, and private schools, to actualize [the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium goals](#).

### Curriculum Implementation Support 2017-2018

Alberta Education has identified the following Curriculum Implementation Support Priority areas as well as corresponding outcomes:

2017-18 School Year	
Priority	Description
First Nations, Métis and Inuit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for all levels of provincial and First Nations school authorities that results in an increased awareness of holistic learning (emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical) and understandings of topics such as treaty education, human rights and social justice, residential schools and their legacy, as well as environmental sustainability and learning on the land.</li> </ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for the maintenance and development of Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning Opportunities. Some key areas of need are spatial reasoning, additive and multiplicative thinking, number sense, algebraic reasoning, and the ethical management of data.</li> </ul>
Supporting competencies in current curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for all levels of school authorities for the implementation of the 8 competencies and their associated supports for current programs of study by developing understandings of how competencies support learning outcomes for student-centred, competency-focused learning.</li> </ul>
Supporting literacy and numeracy in current curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for all levels of school authorities in continuing to build awareness and understanding of literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>Support for all levels of school authorities in building their awareness of literacy and numeracy in existing programs of study.</li> <li>Build an understanding of the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions and the ways that they support teachers and students in existing programs of study.</li> </ul>
Provincial Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for all levels of school authorities in               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– professional learning supports for interpreting results.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Support for Grade 12 teachers to build awareness and understanding of the expectations of the program of studies and the related assessment standards for subject-specific diploma exams.</li> <li>Support for Grade 9 teachers to build awareness and understanding of the Grade 9 Mathematics PAT Part A that is being added starting the 2017-18 school year that students will complete without the assistance of calculators.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for Grade 6 teachers to build awareness and understanding of 2016-2017 PAT reports that include the results of the Grade 6 Mathematics PAT Part A that was added during the previous school year and students completed without the assistance of calculators.</li> <li>• Support for Grade 12 teachers to build awareness and understanding of the written response component for the Math 30-1 and 30-2 diploma exams that will be introduced in the 2018-2019 school year.</li> </ul>
Inclusive Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support all levels of school authorities to build capacity for facilitating and implementing best practices in inclusive education to ensure success for all students.</li> <li>• Support for all levels of school authorities in developing increased awareness and understanding needed to implement flexible and responsive learning experiences that acknowledge every students' individual learning needs.</li> </ul>
Curriculum Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further support building awareness and understanding of the <i>The Guiding Framework for the Design and Development of Kindergarten to Grade 12 Provincial Curriculum (Programs of Study) (2016)</i>.</li> <li>• Further support provincial engagements related to curriculum development.</li> </ul>
Dual Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the provincial implementation of a new Alberta Dual Credit Framework by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– organizing and leading sessions with education stakeholders to support them in the implementation of a new Alberta Dual Credit Framework and implementation resources for the 2017-2018 school year (including new application and funding processes).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### District Support for Implementation

District contacts for the ERLC region identified the following regional needs and requested support in these areas:

- Assessment
- Early Learning
- Instructional Coaches, Learning Coaches
- Leadership Development
- Learning Commons
- Numeracy/Math
- Pyramid of Intervention
- Secondary Literacy

Funding deliverables from Alberta Education will determine direction and the ERLC region's school authorities will continue to advise on the development of professional learning opportunities based on ever evolving needs and priorities. Professional learning planning and supports for implementation will continue to be co-constructed based on requests from all stakeholders including the [ERLC Board](#) that is representative of education stakeholders in the region.

## Professional Learning Designs for 2017-2018

### A Comprehensive Approach

For the 2017-2018 year, ERLC will offer three professional learning designs to support the region according to Alberta Education priority areas and identified regional needs, as per district Three Year Education Plans.

#### Design 1: ERLC regional team support for district professional learning:

- District day support:
  - A face-to-face session planned by the ERLC team based on the identified area of district need
    - a. Traditional "workshop" format
    - b. Job-embedded session: e.g. demonstration lesson
  - A series of ongoing sessions over the course of a year which may include traditional sessions, demonstration lessons, and/or connecting via technology
    - a. Planned by the ERLC team after consultation with district lead or administration
    - b. Co-designed - ERLC team and district representative
- Utilization of grant resources - ERLC will provide funding to each jurisdiction in the region to support district professional learning:
  - Allocation A: \$5000 of ERLC team support is provided to each district
  - Allocation B: \$5000 is provided to each district to access other professional learning supports (a district may choose to put some or all, of their Allocation B funding to access the expertise of the ERLC team)
- Please complete the [District Day Support Request Form](#).

#### Design 2: Strategic professional learning opportunities:

- ERLC professional learning opportunities will support Alberta Education priority areas and district Three Year Education Plan priorities
- District Contact and Advisory Committee collaboration, facilitated through the ERLC team, will strengthen leadership capacity, leverage professional capital and bring coherence to Alberta Education priority areas, as well as school authority needs and goal

#### Design 3: Free, online resources available in a variety of formats (e.g. videos, webinars)

- i. Support individual professional growth as well as the work of learning communities
- ii. Build leadership capacity and support the work of school-based and district leaders with the myriad of groups and teams with whom they work

Please note: 2017-2018 INVOICE & EXPENSE CLAIM FORM can be obtained from, [denise.kay@erc.ca](mailto:denise.kay@erc.ca).