



ARPDC Provincial Plan to Support Curriculum Redesign 2014 - 2015

The Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC) is the collective voice of the seven regional consortia.

The Consortia mandate is to support implementation of initiatives and goals of our regional jurisdictions and Alberta Education. We partner to engage in strategic planning; designing professional learning opportunities that are coordinated, collaborative and comprehensive. The ARPDC actively and purposefully cultivates relationships to:

FACILITATE professional development which supports the effective implementation of components of:

- The Alberta Education Business Plan;
- Jurisdiction and School Education Plans; and
- Regional School Council priorities.

FACILITATE professional development which supports the effective implementation of curricula, including instruction, assessment and student outcomes.

COORDINATE, BROKER AND ACT as a referral centre to assist stakeholders to identify available professional development resources.

DELIVER professional development based on the identified and emerging needs of educational stakeholders.

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT the development of professional development leadership capacity.

PROVIDE all stakeholders with access to professional development at a reasonable cost.

This 2014 – 2015 Provincial Plan includes quality professional learning opportunities for teachers and leaders related to the priorities outlined in the grant deliverables.

Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) Plan to Support Curriculum Redesign 2014-2015

Alberta Education has provided grant funds in support of Curriculum Redesign to Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) for the 2014-2015 school year. The ERLC region will use the allocated grant funds to address key areas of implementation as identified by Alberta Education.

In consideration of the ARPDC/ERLC goals, provincial priorities and Zone 3 regional priorities, ERLC will work collaboratively with Alberta Education staff, regional district representatives, and other consortia to develop plans, strategies and opportunities to meet provincial and locally identified needs in congruence with provincial direction.

Zone 3 Regional Context

ERLC serves over one third of the Alberta student and teacher population, as reflected in the 590 schools in the province. Zone 3 is a vast geographical region and provides service to 18 school authorities, 46 independent schools, 18 band schools, 4 charter schools.

Current context, literature about effective professional learning approaches, analysis of quantitative and qualitative data informs our ERLC team to innovate, design and deliver professional learning opportunities to meet the needs of our educational stakeholders.

Going forward, implementation may be more broadly defined to include assessments and learning and teaching resources, and will encourage a model of continuous improvement and a system of excellence. Successful implementation is possible when education stakeholders share responsibility to address the essential conditions of shared vision, leadership, research and evidence, resources, teacher professional growth, time and community engagement.



Transformative professional learning is researchinformed, responsive to context and respectful of teachers.

Professional learning refers to activities that develop an individual's skill and knowledge, and enhance practice and growth. Professional learning can be provided in many ways including formal workshops, courses and qualification programs, and through informal means such as mentoring, collaborative planning, and the sharing of effective practices.

Alberta Education Grant 2014 – 2015 (Appendix B)



- inclusive
- technology- supported learning
- student-centered
- job-embedded, just in time
- communities of practice
- process-based learning
- cohorts
- use of data and evidence
- ongoing
- collaborative
- inquiry-based
- examples of promising practice

Responsive to Context

- is cost effective
- promotes shared responsibility among partners
- encourages collaboration and sharing of resources
- builds partnerships
- supports AB Ed goals/initiatives, implementation
- integrates multiple formats/delivery models

Respectful of Teachers

- supports Teacher Professional Growth Plan
- contributes to work-life balance
- is transformative
- is accessible
- is job-embedded and "just in time"
- supports teacher knowledge and readiness for provincial and





ARPDC/ERLC Plan to Support Curriculum Redesign 2014 - 2015

1. Each consortium, in consideration of the ARPDC goals, regional and provincial priorities, and the needs of school authorities, will work collaboratively with regional advisory committees (comprised of representatives from school authorities and others as appropriate), Alberta Education staff and with one another to develop plans, strategies and opportunities to meet provincial and locally identified needs in congruence with provincial direction. To promote effective provincial planning and reporting, relative consistency and clarity for working in all seven consortia, a Common Provincial Plan to Support Curriculum Redesign, will be developed and submitted to Alberta Education. (Deliverables A, D)

STRATEGIES (How and What)	MEASURES Degree to which intended result is achieved.	RESULTS Quantitative Evidence to be collected on an ongoing basis.	RESULTS Qualitative Evidence to be collected on an ongoing basis.
ARPDC/ERLC will: ➤ Identify provincial and regional needs related to all deliverables in the grant through meetings with Alberta Education, and school authorities as well as teacher needs assessments. ➤ Work collaboratively to develop a common provincial plan that meets the identified provincial and local needs. ➤ Be flexible to encompass emerging needs throughout the year.	 ATA/ERLC teacher needs assessments. Alberta Education Consultations. Learning Opportunity Participants Survey data. School authority 		 Zone 3 regional needs identified through Advisory Committee meetings (http://goo.gl/c7qblp). Think/Pair/Share process done with all Advisory Committee members to identify future direction. District contact meetings (one on one). ERLC regional plan developed based on the needs identified through surveys, data analysis, review of Three Year Ed Plans.

ANALYSIS: Qualitative and Quantitative results will be analyzed.



2. The Constant description of the Regional Constant collection, tracking and reporting of "evidence" (including the change in culture required for the implementation of the policy changes (e.g., student focus) as envisaged by Inspiring Education. This includes student, parent, teacher, community engagement as part of implementation as idealized. The Consortia will work with and model the following documents: "A Guide to Comprehensive Professional Development Planning" and "A Guide to Support Implementation: Essential Conditions". (Deliverable E)

STRATEGIES (How and What)	MEASURES Degree to which intended result is achieved	Evidence to be collected on	RESULTS Qualitative Evidence to be collected on an ongoing basis.
ARPDC/ERLC will: Develop plans and processes that reflect change management elements and cultural shifts required for transformational change. Provide professional learning opportunities to support curriculum implementation and to meet local needs. Provide opportunities for teachers and other educational leaders to have access to professional learning supports. Assist educators with understanding components of new curriculum and their roles and responsibilities in implementation.	 Documentation detailing availability of learning opportunities. Learning Opportunity Participants Survey data (Short Term/Long Term). Face to face; online; technology mediated learning opportunities. Materials created and available. 	 Plan submitted (Oct 2014). Daily access to ERLC website which lists chronologically and by subject all available learning opportunities and available professional development resources and supports. 6 Math Clarification sessions. ERLC District Professional learning Design Plan: http://bit.ly/1FQbdlq provided to the district contacts in 18 school jurisdictions to help actualize their Three Year Ed Plan with ERLC support 	

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3. Where applicable, the Consortia will collaborate with, share expertise and resources with, and secure the resources and services of other professional learning providers and stakeholders (e.g., AAC, 2Learn, ATLE, Galileo/Alberta post-secondary institutions, ATA, and select school authorities.) in the planning and development as well as in the coordination of program offerings and supports.
(Deliverable F)

STRATEGIES (How and What)	MEASURES Degree to which intended result is achieved	Evidence to be collected on	RESULTS Qualitative Evidence to be collected on an ongoing basis.
ARPDC/ERLC will: Identify provincial/regional learning needs that could be met by collaborating with professional learning providers and stakeholders. Explore potential partnerships and collaboration opportunities with professional learning providers and stakeholders through discussions and meeting.	 Identification of needs that can be collaboratively met. Partnerships and collaborations explored. Learning Opportunities designed and delivered with partners. 	 Identification of the need to provide Alberta context to problem based learning. Collaboration with Alberta Assessment Consortium http://goo.gl/aqcpSh. ERLC Educational team design and deliver professional learning opportunities in collaboration with ARPDC (http://goo.gl/nw607C). 	
 Design and deliver professional learning opportunities to 			

RESULTS ANALYSIS: Qualitative and Quantitative results will be analyzed.





- 4. Provide scheduled professional learning sessions that are collaboratively planned as a joint effort of the Consortium staff and the Alberta Education staff that continue to build awareness and understanding of:
 - Curriculum Redesign
 - Cross Curricular Competencies
 - Literacy and Numeracy Benchmarks
 - Understanding Curriculum Redesign Intent
 - Curriculum Standards
 - Revised Programs of Study
 - Other curriculum/program of studies according to Alberta Education's direction and advice

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- Refine feedback mechanisms, tools and strategies for measuring the impact and effectiveness of professional learning opportunities and subsequent follow-up activities.
- Use emerging technologies to increase variety for adults to learn synchronously and asynchronously.
- Ensure each consortium will acknowledge funding support from Alberta Education on marketing and promotional materials related to ARPDC program.

Curriculum Redesign

- Create presentations, materials, and sessions for districts to use in their implementation of Curriculum Redesign, Competency based instruction, and literacy and numeracy. benchmarks, based on their plans and needs
- Embed curriculum redesign foundations in ERLC presentations and sessions.

- Learning Opportunity
 Participants Survey data (Short
 Term/Long Term).
- Types of technology used to distribute learning.
- Types of learning opportunities to support ongoing learning.
- Promotional materials developed.

RESULTS ANALYSIS: Qualitative and Quantitative results will be analyzed.





5. Provide scheduled professional learning sessions in the following areas:

- Curriculum Redesign

- Student Learning Assessments

- First Nations, Metis and Inuit

- Mathematics

- Inclusive Education

- Career and Technology Foundations

- High School Credentialing

- Learning Commons Policy

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ARPDC,	/ERLC will: Determine needs of school districts and teachers related to these areas through advisory committee meetings, ongoing google doc, discussions and surveys. Identify regional and provincial learning needs that could be met through ARPDC collaboration.	 Provincial/regional learning needs identified. Learning opportunities offered. Collaboration with Alberta occurred. 		
>	Plan, develop, organize, deliver and broker, in collaboration with Alberta			

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AGREEMENTS

A final report will be submitted to Alberta Education on or before December 1, 2015 and will include:

- 1. A financial summary.
- 2. Information about brokering and collaboration with partners.
- 3. Highlights of key curriculum implementation supports and professional learning successes and challenges (e.g., reflection of experiences, sharing of learning, recommendations for conditions and community engagement that will help achieve the policy shifts and cultural shifts.)
- 4. Information relative to key indicators of impact or evidence of the expected outcomes being met.

Each consortium will participate in a meeting with Alberta Education representatives following the submission of a final report.





Primary

Audience:

Teachers,

Leaders,

Regional

Authorities

Secondary

Audience:

Support

Parents.

Partners

Community

Staff.

School

School and

Jurisdictional













Situation

- · 2009 Alberta Education initiated a series of provincewide conversations and consultations regarding the future of education in Alberta. These consultations led to the development of a broad policy framework ("Inspiring Education Steering Committee Report") and a new Ministerial Order on Student Learning.
- · The changes envisioned and detailed in these two documents are being implemented through several initiatives including Curriculum Redesign, Inclusive Education, FNMI initiatives, the Learner Technology Policy Framework as well as others such as the Provincial Dual Credit Strategy, Student Learner Assessments, and High School Redesign.
- · Respectful, responsive, and research-informed professional learning support for the 35 000 + teachers in the province will be a factor critical to the successful implementation of these initiatives and achieving our desired future.
- · Regional consortium referenced collectively as Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC) are uniquely positioned and able to design, facilitate, broker, and lead the professional learning to support the changes associated with provincial initiatives.
- Learning opportunities in 2014-2015 and beyond must shift from building awareness of initiatives to developing teacher knowledge, skills, and attributes.
- · Given the significant implications of Alberta Education initiatives and goals, learning opportunities will also be required to support school leaders, other education professionals, parents, and education partners.
- Successful implementation is possible in environments where education stakeholders are committed to sharing the responsibility for supporting implementation within a culture of learning. Planning for successful implementation requires; coherence among plans and priorities; and the intentional efforts by education stakeholders to collaboratively address the essential conditions to support implementation www.essentialconditions.ca
- · ARPDC is uniquely positioned to work with and for Alberta Education and school jurisdictions to implementation thinking, planning and delivery of learning opportunities.
- · ARPDC and other education partners identify shared measures and evidence of impact to demonstrate successful implementation based on professional learning.

Inputs

Based on funding from Alberta **Education Regional** Consortium invests

ARPDC ED's

and consultants. contracted speakers, presenters and facilitators, in collaboration with: (Alberta Education, School Jurisdictions, Advisory Committees, Professional Learning Partners), facilities and technology.

Outputs

The consortia will serve the needs of regional school authorities in their efforts to provide quality professional learning opportunities for educational stakeholders. The

- · use a variety of learning designs such as synchronous learning opportunities offered via technology (webinars, Video Conferences, Tweet-Ups and/or other social media tools, face to face) and asynchronous opportunities (virtual communities hosted on a NING, a Moodle, Twitter or other environments and tools) to develop teacher, parent, and community awareness of the curriculum; and teaching and learning strategies
- · facilitate opportunities for building knowledge, skills and attitudes within and amongst schools, jurisdictions and provincially;
- · facilitate opportunities for educators to refine instructional and assessment practices; pedagogy
- support the development of strategies to identify
- · support school authorities with their professional learning implementation plans and approaches

· establish communities of practice that are supported with a variety of opportunities to share and discuss research based practice; these opportunities would be supported by face to face opportunities, access to coaching and to a variety of synchronous and asynchronous tools as per the learning design and audience targeted for participation in the community.

Outcomes

Level I (Awareness)

identify shared measures

Level II (Impact on Practiced Pedagogy)

Level III (Long-Term Impact)

participants

access and opportunity for learning is available (e.g., numbers of sessions, variety of distribution)

participants are aware of curriculum change and instructional and assessment practices based on accessing learning opportunities. (e.g., survey data, number of teachers accessing learning

participants apply their learning

develop measures.

online participation)

(school authorities) have the capacity to implement and students are successful. (e.g., school jurisdiction data?)

shared measures and evidence to demonstrate impact of professional learning.

provided (e.g., essential conditions website, tools and resources, model use of at meetings) collaborative professional learning spaces/designs are available for adult learners to access. (e.g., community of practice,

supports for implementation planning

agreement on collect data, analyze and share interpretations to measures of impact used by all focus on improvements stakeholders adult learners are participants are engaged co-creating knowledge based in collaborative spaces /designs. (examples of

on collaboration, sharing is evident

provincial

school authorities access and model use of implementation planning resources. moodle, cohort, how many are involved)

Currently identified areas for support under the Implementation Grant based on Alberta Education priorities, regional priorities and District priorities include but are not limited to:

- · Curriculum Redesign:
- Cross Curricular Competencies
- Literacy and Numeracy Benchmarks
- o Understanding Curriculum Redesign Intent
- Curriculum Standards
- · Instructional Strategies
- · Student Learner Assessments · Moving Forward with High School Redesign
- . First Nations Metis and Inuit
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- · Career Technology Foundations
- Inclusive Education
- High School Credentialing
- · Emerging Regional and Provincial Needs

See Appendix I

Priorities

ARPDC shares in Alberta Education's priorities of:

- · Alberta teachers and leaders use innovative and inclusive approaches to teaching and learning
- Teachers and school leaders have the knowledge, skills and attitudes for new implementation initiatives.
- The Alberta Education Business Plan Goals 2.3 and 2.4













Proposed Measures and Data Sources

Area of Collaboration if we have an output / outcome:

- · Provincial and Regional Needs assessments
- Partnerships and Collaborations
- School Authorities
- Alberta Education
- Alberta Teachers Association, CASS, Alberta Assessment Consortium
- · Professional Learning opportunities designed and delivered
- number of sessions offered to support identified needs.
- diversity of sessions offered to support identified needs.
- Learning Opportunity Participants Surveys
- immediate survey and follow-up impact survey
- level of awareness (Curriculum Redesign) of session participants O pre and post assessments

- Qualitative data (anecdotal, testimonial)
- · Resources created to support professional learning
- number of resources developed
- variety of resources developed
- access to and usage of resources developed
- · Types of technology used to distribute learning (synchronous and asynchronous).
- . Diary / Log / Journal (electronic or hard copy) of participant or Learning Facilitator learning reflections
- Financial Statements
- · Samples of brochures of sessions and conferences
- Final reports
- · Centralized registration system and the common website analysis





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Appendix I

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- · Curriculum Redesign (for Teachers, Administrators, Parents, School councils, Community, Trustees):
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 - o Literacy and Numeracy Benchmarks
 - o Understanding Curriculum Redesign Intent
 - o Curriculum Standards
- Instructional Strategies
- Assessment (Student Learner Assessment and other assessment strategies)
- Moving Forward with High School Redesign

- First Nations Metis and Inuit
- Mathematics
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Career Technology Foundations
- Inclusive Education
- · High School Credentialing
- Emerging Regional and Provincial Needs

Note: There are 6 regional consortium and one provincial francophone consortium that are collectively known as Alberta Regional Professional Development (Learning) Consortia (ARPDC).

The Alberta Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC) is dedicated to promoting student learning and achievement; school improvement; and parental engagement in the educational process through the provision of professional learning opportunities at the local, regional and provincial levels. Each regional consortium is governed by a board comprised of representatives from: CASS, ASBA, ASBOA, ASCA, Post-Secondary, ATA and Alberta Education. The board ensures that programs align with the following goals of the consortium.

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This work represents the ARPDC Executive Directors collective thinking as of June 2014.

Grant Budget					
Curriculum Redesign 2014-2015					
	Revenue	Budget	Allocation	Balance	
Revenue					
Grant Revenue # 2013-0296	779,956.00				
Total Revenue	779,956.00			779,956.00	
Base Funding					
Planning Assistance/Coordinator Costs		75,000.00	75,000.00		
IHLA Administration		5,800.00	5,800.00		
Sub Total: Base Funding		80,800.00	80,800.00	699,156.00	
Fixed Drawnsing Compart 9 DDI					
Fixed Programming Support & PDL IHLA					
IHLA		58,055.00	58,055.00		
Leadership Capacity - \$10,000 x 18 = \$180,000.00					
maximum support either in ERLC direct support in district					
or dollars for programming support to distict + expense		050 000 00	0500000		
for facilitator/\$1000.00 x 7 months X 7 facilitators		250,000.00	250,000.00		
Sub Total : Fixed Programming Support & PDL		308,055.00	308,055.00	391,101.00	
Curriculum Redesign Implementation Facilitators					
Facilitator: Literacy (0.8FTE - KL)		95,200.00			
Facilitator: Math (.5 FTE - DD,KVD)		50,000.00			
Facilitator: Leadership (LO, CZ,LB)		110,000.00			
Facilitator : Education Technology Consultant (.0.4 FTE -					
WD)		50,000.00			
Sub Total: Implementation Support Facilitators			305,200.00	85,901.00	

Curriculum Redesign Programming	85,901.00	
Assessment - Student Learning Assessment	5,000.00	
First Nations Metis and Inuit	6,000.00	
Career & Technology Foundations	5,000.00	
English as Second Language	1,901.00	
Inclusive Education	20,000.00	
Literacy	25,000.00	
Math & Numeracy	23,000.00	
Sub Total: Curriculum Redesign Programming	85,901.00	
TOTAL: Curriculum Redesign	779,956.00	0.00