



Avon Maitland District School Board
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AMDSB Municipal Update 2018

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Outline

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Our District by the Numbers

- **15,512 students (increasing!)**
 - **10,167 Elementary**
 - **5,345 Secondary**
- **30 Elementary Schools**
- **10 Secondary Schools**
 - **7 are Grades 7 to 12**
 - **2 are Grades 9 to 12**
 - **1 E-Learning School**
- **Over 2,400 full and part-time staff**
- **2017-2018 Operating Budget: \$210M**



2016-2020 Strategic Plan

- **Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 approved in June 2016**

We Will

Create Positive, Inclusive Learning Environments

And

Maximize Outcomes for Students

By

Engaging our students, staff, families, communities and our world

Inspiring with evidence-informed teaching and learning

Innovating through the creative potential of emerging technologies

Guided by the Principles of Equity, Character, & Stewardship



Our System Focus

Image of Our Successful Graduate

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students who leave AMDSB will be ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared for their next step and ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared for a changing world and ...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand themselves as learners and advocate for their own needs• Be literate• Be numerate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confident and curious learners• Resilient and flexible thinkers who demonstrate global competencies (communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and problem solving)• Positive and principled engagement in society

Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement & Wellbeing

Literacy and Numeracy

- Goal: Improved achievement in literacy and numeracy for all students

Intellectual Engagement

- Goal: Improved emotional and cognitive investment in learning for all students

Social and Institutional Engagement

- Goal: Increased sense of belonging for all students and participation in the formal requirements of schooling

Student Accommodation

- **Significant provincial and local consultation in the past year, with positive results:**
- **Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF)**
 - 29 AMDSB schools met the Ministry eligibility
 - AMDSB received \$838,666 of the RNEF allocation
 - Used for: enhanced funding for small rural schools, additional after-school bussing, videoconferencing to connect schools, additional mental health & behavioural supports, distance education improvements
- **Draft Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines**

Equity and Inclusion

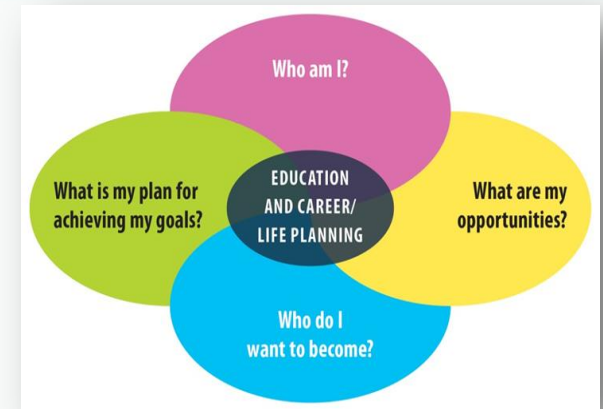
- **Recognized by the Canadian Association for Community Living with the Inclusive Education Award**



- **Partner Board on the Ministry's Identity-Based Data Pilot Project**
- **AMDSB seen as a champion of inclusive education to School Boards**
- **On-going research to assess and improve**

Pathways to success

- We believe:
 - All students can be successful
 - Success comes in many forms
 - There are many pathways to success
- Students now begin education & career planning in elementary school
- We continue to be proactive in all pathways and a provincial leader in providing opportunities to explore different pathways:
 - Co-op
 - College Dual-credits
 - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
 - Specialist High Skills Major programs
 - **Agricultural Pilot Program “Farm, Refine, Dine”**
 - Experiential Learning Lead (ELL)



High Skills Majors

- **CHSS – Health & Wellness, Information & Com. Tech, Manufacturing**
- **FEMSS – Health & Wellness, Construction**
- **GDCI – Environment, Hospitality & Tourism**
- **LDSS – Construction, Health & Wellness, Manufacturing**
- **MDHS – Agriculture, Hospitality & Tourism**
- **SHDHS – Transportation**
- **St. Mary's DCVI – Environment**
- **SCSS – Arts & Culture, Information & Com. Tech**
- **SNSS – Energy, Health & Wellness, Hospitality & Tourism, Manufacturing, Transportation**

International Education 2017-2018

- 250+ international students this school year, 900+ since launch
- Students from Belgium, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam.
- Students placed at every high school and some elementary schools.
- Internationalization includes travel opportunities for our students to countries including Taiwan, Italy, St. Maarten and Berlin.
- International student summer program – **Capture Canada**. Up to 50 international students to attend a 2 or 3 week program.
- Seeking ongoing commitments from international partners



Looking Ahead

- **Recruitment and Retention – work together with our municipalities to help bring people to our community; looking for ways to showcase our communities**
- **International Education is continuing to grow and provide more opportunities for our students**
- **We continue to seek innovative ways to deliver high quality education and promote the great education we provide**
- **AMDSB promotional video:**





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Thank You