



## Committee of the Whole Meeting | April 6, 2021

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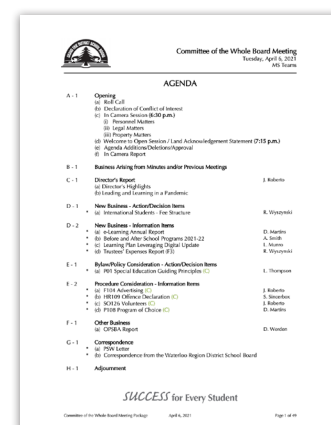
### Learning Plan Leveraging Digital Update

In the fall of 2020, a learning council for the Learning Plan Leveraging Digital was established to coordinate the recommendations from the IBM Canada K-12 Education Division review in 2019. The Learning Plan Leveraging Digital fosters ongoing, collaborative, planning aligned with how digital resources might be leveraged better to enhance the learning environment and student achievement. The plan is based on the current achievement goals and priorities in Grand Erie with specific focus on how educational technology could be purposefully and seamlessly integrated to enhance learning and achievement going forward.

Ongoing committee meetings are scheduled this spring, with a focus on Learning Resources, Professional Learning, and Monitoring and Evaluation working groups along with the ongoing implementation and collaboration to ensure that this plan is reflected in the Multi-Year Plan and incorporated into our Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Wellness (BIPSAW) and annual operating plan.

This report supports the Achievement indicator of Success for Every Student and the following statement: We will set high expectations for our students and staff. This report also supports the Technology indicator of Success for Every Student and the following statement: We will provide secure and reliable learning environments that will allow students and staff to use technology in an effective and seamless manner.

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### eLearning Annual Report

Grand Erie has been delivering eLearning programming since September 2002. During this time, the program has expanded to include a greater number of courses in a variety of grades and pathways. Courses are delivered in an asynchronous eLearning format, in partnership with the Ontario eLearning Consortium (OeLC) as well as internally among Grand Erie schools.

This report supports the Achievement indicator of Success for Every Student and the following statement: “We will set high expectations for our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes.”

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## Before and After School Programs: Kindergarten – Grade 6

School boards are required under the Ministry of Education's Before-and-After School Programs Kindergarten – Grade 6 Policies and Guidelines, revised September 2016 to ensure the provision of before-and-after school programs in each elementary school in Ontario for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, where there is sufficient demand and/or viability. A survey has been distributed to families at Grand Erie school sites where Before and After School Program care do not currently exist within or at a close offsite location. In partnership with our coterminous board and CMSMs, collaborative plans will be developed to support families where survey data has determined a viable need. Survey data will be reviewed and communicated to the appropriate providers who will determine their ability to provide programming for school communities. Families will be notified of the available programs in May.

This report supports the Community indicator of Success for Every Student and the following statement: we will develop a process to formally integrate and celebrate the partners whose contributions enhance the learning experiences of our students.

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## Director's Report Highlights

- **Education Week**

While this year's Education Week will certainly look different than previous years, it will still celebrate the achievements and talents of students across Grand Erie, showcasing highlights from in-person and remote learning this year. The week-long celebration will be featured on social media. Education Week takes place May 3 -7.

- **GEPIC Speaker Series Kicks Off**

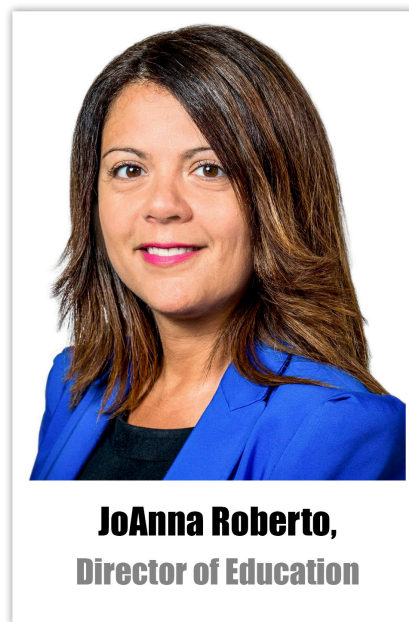
The first in a series of weekly virtual events, organized by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee, got underway last week with a presentation focused on mental health and well-being supports and resources during these challenging times. Many thanks to Piyali Bagchee, Rachel Gee and Katherine Boyle for highlighting the programs, strategies and most importantly, the stories that were shared during this important session.

- **Asymptomatic Testing Available to Students and Staff**

Grand Erie is offering targeted asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for students and staff at no cost, starting April 10. A schedule and additional materials to assist families regarding testing registration was sent home this week. Testing is available for specific schools at various locations.

- **Health Canada Notice Regarding Masks**

As some of you are aware, there was a recent news report about masks being recalled by Health Canada related to concerns that they contain Nanoform Graphene. We want to assure you that we have verified that all masks that we have been provided with through the province and have sent to schools DO NOT contain this product. We are passing along the notice from Health Canada in case you have purchased any masks for personal use that you may have concerns about.



**JoAnna Roberto,**  
**Director of Education**

## **Additional Items**

The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:

- P01 Special Education Guiding Principals
- F104 Advertising
- HR109 Offence Declaration
- SO126 Volunteers
- P108 Secondary Programs of Choice

## **Multi-Year Plan Stories**

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is Success for Every Student. Grand Erie will achieve Success for Every Student through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support the Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Plan.

## **Achievement**

- **Grand Brings New Talent on Board:** [bit.ly/3wMPC3b](https://bit.ly/3wMPC3b)
- **Getting to Know Grand Erie:** Angelika Collin, Communicative Disorders Assistant: [bit.ly/3dfPulj](https://bit.ly/3dfPulj)
- **Grand Erie Welcomes New Student Trustees for 2021-22:** [bit.ly/3a4pyHk](https://bit.ly/3a4pyHk)

## **Environment**

- **Targeted Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing to be Offered to Students and Staff:** [bit.ly/3dUmoXH](https://bit.ly/3dUmoXH)