# Gilbert Paterson Middle School



# 2022/2023 Annual Education Results Report

#### **Vision Statement**

Our learners are innovative thinkers who are successful, confident, respectful and caring.

### **Mission Statement**

Lethbridge School Division is inclusive, forward-thinking and accountable for engaging students in quality learning experiences that de-

velop strong foundations, innovative minds and responsible citizens.

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#### **Alberta Education Assurance Measures Overall Summary**

		Gilbert I	Paterson Mid	dle Schoo		Alberta			Measure Evaluation	
Assurance Domain	Measure	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
	Student Learning Engagement	80.8	83.3	83.3	84.4	85.1	85.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
	<u>Citizenship</u>	69.7	71.7	72.1	80.3	81.4	82.3	Low	Maintained	Issue
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.7	83.2	82.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Growth and	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	88.6	87.1	86.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Achievement	PAT: Acceptable	70.0	69.5	n/a	63.3	64.3	n/a	Intermediate	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	18.6	24.3	n/a	16.0	17.7	n/a	High	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.3	75.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.2	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	83.8	85.2	84.3	88.1	89.0	89.7	Low	Maintained	Issue
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	78.1	80.9	80.9	84.7	86.1	86.1	n/a	Maintained	n/a
and	Access to Supports and Services	74.1	68.4	68.4	80.6	81.6	81.6	n/a	Improved	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	70.3	68.5	71.2	79.1	78.8	80.3	Very Low	Maintained	Concern

#### **Highlights**

Gilbert Paterson Middle School (GPMS) is a dual track middle school with both English and French Immersion (FRIM) programming. We are the largest middle school in Lethbridge with 830 students, 205 of those students are enrolled in the FRIM program. Our school boundaries bring students from south Lethbridge communities, while FRIM students come from all corners of the city. We have continued to see steady growth over the past five years in both English and French and our building is working at capacity in 2023-24. We are fortunate to have two gymnasiums as well as a spacious Learning Commons, fitness, foods, sewing, choir, band, construction, drama and technology facilities to meet the needs of our learners.

GPMS has seen an exciting and noticeable shift in demographics over the last five years to include a wider range of learners with many different needs and perspectives, including more EAL families. As such, we have focused on more inclusive and diverse teaching and learning strategies to ensure student success.

GPMS offers a full range of elective course programming for students in all grades. Over the last five years, we have been committed to the continual revision of our options to offer a wider variety of choices for students. Extra curricular activities in the fine arts include drama productions, choir, traditional band and rock band opportunities that are developed at the elective level. Tiger athletics offers full rep, development and club opportunities for a large number of students to participate in school sports at a school or league level.

Our **ROAR** philosophy of respect, determination, acceptance and integrity is an important foundation of teaching, learning, playing and working together at Gilbert Paterson Middle School.

#### **Challenges to Address**

Some of the challenges and growing edges that we continue to seek to learn about are how best to:

- embrace our student and family diversities;
- address the range of literacy, numeracy, social and emotional entry points;
- problem solve creative solutions for physical space, timetabling, and population increase to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students;
- sustain a long-term growth in our French immersion program

# **DOMAIN: STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT**

### Assurance Measure: PAT Acceptable/Excellence

The percentage of students who achieved the Acceptable Standard and the percentage of students who achieved the Standard of Excellence on Provincial Achievement Tests (based on cohort)

#### **PAT Results By Number Enrolled Measure History**

School: 6442 Gilbert Paterson Middle School

Province: Alberta

		Gilbert Pa	terson Mid	ldle Schoo		Me	asure Evaluation				Alberta		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
N	252	n/a	n/a	239	253	n/a	n/a	n/a	104,012	n/a	n/a	109,520	115,580
Acceptable Standard %	81.3	n/a	n/a	69.5	70.0	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	71.1	n/a	n/a	64.3	63.3
Standard of Excellence %	29.8	n/a	n/a	24.3	18.6	High	n/a	n/a	20.8	n/a	n/a	17.7	16.0

#### PAT Results Course By Course Summary By Enrolled With Measure Evaluation

#### School: 6442 Gilbert Paterson Middle School

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		Achievement	Improvement	Overall	202	23	Prev 3 Yea	ır Average	202	23	Prev 3 Yea	ır Average
Course	Measure				N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
English Language Arts 6	Acceptable Standard	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	253	82.2	n/a	n/a	52,106	76.2	n/a	n/a
English Language Arts o	Standard of Excellence	Low	n/a	n/a	253	9.9	n/a	n/a	52,106	18.4	n/a	n/a
French Language Arts 6	Acceptable Standard	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	71	77.5	n/a	n/a	3,131	77.6	n/a	n/a
<u>année</u>	Standard of Excellence	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	71	14.1	n/a	n/a	3,131	12.5	n/a	n/a
Fi- 6i-	Acceptable Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	578	78.9	n/a	n/a
Français 6 année	Standard of Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	578	19.4	n/a	n/a
Mathematics 6	Acceptable Standard	Low	n/a	n/a	253	69.2	n/a	n/a	52,551	65.4	n/a	n/a
Mathematics 6	Standard of Excellence	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	253	16.6	n/a	n/a	52,551	15.9	n/a	n/a
0-1	Acceptable Standard	Low	n/a	n/a	253	70.0	n/a	n/a	54,859	66.7	n/a	n/a
Science 6	Standard of Excellence	Low	n/a	n/a	253	16.2	n/a	n/a	54,859	21.8	n/a	n/a
Carial Shudian 6	Acceptable Standard	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	253	70.0	n/a	n/a	57,655	66.2	n/a	n/a
Social Studies 6	Standard of Excellence	Intermediate	n/a	n/a	253	18.6	n/a	n/a	57,655	18.0	n/a	n/a



### Assurance Measure: Citizenship

#### Teacher, parent and student agreement that students model the characteristics of active citizenship

Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that: students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in school.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo									
	201	19	202	20	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	leasure Evaluatio	n	201	9	Γ
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	Ι
Overall	282	81.5	284	84.9	306	90.9	297	84.8	237	81.7	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	265,382	89.0	2
Parent	40	82.4	42	86.6	50	93.1	54	87.6	22	76.4	Low	Declined	Issue	35,247	89.7	
Student	221	78.5	213	75.0	228	83.3	218	77.1	193	75.1	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	196,856	82.3	1
Teacher	21	83.7	29	93.1	28	96.4	25	89.6	22	93.6	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	33,279	95.1	

Percentage of teachers, parents and students who are satisfied that students model the characteristics of active citizenship.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo						
	201	9	202	20	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	Measure Evaluatio	n
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Overall	282	65.6	284	72.5	307	81.0	297	71.7	237	69.7	Low	Maintained	Issue
Parent	40	71.0	42	74.9	50	78.0	54	71.2	22	61.5	Low	Maintained	Issue
Student	221	62.9	213	62.6	229	71.6	218	64.8	193	67.7	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable
Teacher	21	62.9	29	80.0	28	93.4	25	79.0	22	80.0	Very Low	Maintained	Concern

Strategies we are using to foster skills and attitudes that create a welcoming and inclusive school community based on respect and shared understanding:

- Our focus this year will be supporting students through connection, resiliency, and empathy. In this way we hope to continue to foster our school culture towards a caring and inclusive space.
- Ongoing Professional learning and staff conversations wil also focus on supporting students through connection, resiliency, and empathy.
- Providing opportunity to participate in more formal leadership opportunities that include clubs that
  promote diversity, inclusion, building positive behaviours and culture. Some of the groups hosted by
  staff and students at GPMS include our GSA, Maker Space groups, and Leadership Options. These
  groups are continually growing and evolving to suit the needs of students and our school community.
- Members of the administration and wellness teams all offer an open door policy as we work with students, families, staff, and community members welcoming opportunities for dialogue about teaching, learning, and student growth.

# **DOMAIN: STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT**

### Assurance Measure: Student Learning Engagement

Teacher, parent and student agreement that students are engaged in their learning at school.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	9	202	<u>'0</u>	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	leasure Evaluatio	n	201	19	202	<u>'0</u>	202	11	202	2	202	3
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	307	85.0	297	83.3	237	80.8	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	230,956	85.6	249,740	85.1	257,214	84.4
Parent	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	89.3	54	89.4	22	86.4	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,994	89.0	31,694	88.7	31,862	87.3
Student	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	69.2	218	65.9	193	69.7	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	169,789	71.8	187,102	71.3	193,029	70.9
Teacher	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	28	96.3	25	94.6	22	86.4	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,173	96.0	30,944	95.5	32,323	95.1

#### Strategies we are using to enhance student engagement in a way that contributes to successful learning:

- Creation of an LST model where we are constantly focusing on understanding our WHY and reflecting about how to best meet the needs of learners including offering targeted literacy/numeracy classes for complex learners where needs present.
- Supporting teachers with continued development of skills and strategies that enhance differentiated programming allowing students to continue maintain their sense of belonging and build motivation/engagement within the classroom setting
- Building Thinking Classrooms within our numeracy instruction, gathering data about questions we ask, presentation of outcomes and building understanding in numbers through group thinking tasks and diversified groupings; finding ways to better
  assess and report numeracy growth and understanding with students, parents and staff.
- Providing opportunities for our students with extended learning may it be with clubs, field trips, speakers to better understand applications of curricular concepts taught and promote engagement in learning.

## **DOMAIN: TEACHING AND LEADING**

Assurance Measure: Education Quality

Teacher, parent and student satisfaction with the overall quality of basic education.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	19	202	20	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	Measure Evaluatio	n	201	9	202	10	202	1	202	2	202	3
	N % N % N % N % N % N % N % N					%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				
Overall	283	81.6	284	83.4	307	84.9	298	85.2	237	83.8	Low	Maintained	Issue	265,841	90.2	264,623	90.3	230,814	89.6	249,532	89.0	257,584	88.1
Parent	40	75.9	42	79.8	50	85.6	54	86.5	22	78.8	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	35,262	86.4	36,907	86.7	31,024	86.7	31,728	86.1	31,890	84.4
Student	222	80.8	213	74.7	229	77.3	219	75.1	193	77.8	Very Low	Maintained	Concern	197,282	88.1	193,763	87.8	169,589	86.3	186,834	85.9	193,343	85.7
Teacher	21	88.1	29	95.9	28	91.7	25	93.9	22	94.7	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	33,297	96.1	33,953	96.4	30,201	95.7	30,970	95.0	32,351	94.4

#### Ways in which we are striving to offer a quality education at GPMS:

- Providing staff professional learning that validates their own teaching and learning curiosities and inquiries within their practice as well as offering learning opportunities that are timely and relevant to the needs of teachers in the current context.
- Gathering feedback from literacy, numeracy, French immersion, Fine Arts and Physical Education teachers to create school goals that promote student engagement in learning
- Seeking opportunities to solicit staff, student and parent voice on various topics such as assessment and reporting practices; belonging and inclusion and how to engage students with their middle school experience through a variety of formats.
- Building student profiles with our LST and wellness teams to determine ways to promote connectivity, flexible thinking and problem solving mindset set while also considering which strategies apply universally.

## **DOMAIN: LEARNING SUPPORTS**

Assurance Measure: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environment

Teacher, parent and student agreement that learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful and safe.



Here are some strategies we are using to build welcome, safe, caring environments at GPMS:

- Continuing to build connections with feeder schools in order to support a successful transition to middle school
- Providing a concentrated effort to welcome parents (with activities, events, open house, field trips, volunteer opportunities)
- Having visuals throughout the school: diversity, displays, counselling, leadership, school culture
- Focusing on connection, empathy, care, and concern at the heart of student, parent and staff interactions in a way that recognizes all students need a place to express themselves safely in their learning community.

### **DOMAIN: LEARNING SUPPORTS**

Assurance Measure: Access to Supports and Services
Teacher, parent and student agreement that students have access to the appropriate supports and services at school.

The percentage of teachers, parents and students who agree that students have access to the appropriate supports and services at school.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	9	202	0	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	leasure Evaluatio	n	201	9	202	20	202	11	202	2	202	23
	N %		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	307	79.5	297	68.4	237	74.1	n/a	Improved	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	230,761	82.6	249,570	81.6	256,994	80.6
Parent	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	69.3	54	68.6	22	66.7	n/a	Maintained	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,936	78.9	31,684	77.4	31,847	75.7
Student	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	229	78.8	218	67.4	193	73.0	n/a	Improved	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	169,631	80.2	186,935	80.1	192,805	79.9
Teacher	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	28	90.5	25	69.4	22	82.7	n/a	Improved	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,194	88.7	30,951	87.3	32,342	86.2

Here are some strategies we are using to provide access to supports and services at GPMS:

- Facilitating a responsive collaborative model of intervention while considering how we can support learners as a whole group especially marginalized students access to curriculum and feeling belonging?
- Exploring of new strategies/opportunities for inclusion of complex needs in mainstream classrooms
- Maintaining positive transitionary relationships with feeder schools and within GPMS
- Providing universal/targeted social emotional strategies from our counseling groups and working with outside agencies such as Mental Health Capacity team, Boys and Girls club and LFS.
- Providing flexible learning spaces in the form of alternative locations as well as various seating and movement opportunities within classroom.

# **DOMAIN: LEARNING SUPPORTS**

#### Assurance Measure: Parental Involvement

Percentage of teachers and parents satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about their child's education.

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				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	19	202	20	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	Measure Evaluatio	n	201	9	202	0	202	21	202	22	202	3
	N				%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%					
Overall	61	67.6	71	73.9	78	70.7	79	68.5	44	70.3	Very Low	Maintained	Concern	68,116	81.3	70,377	81.8	60,919	79.5	62,412	78.8	63,935	79.1
Parent	40	50.8	42	64.1	50	59.6	54	57.1	22	58.7	Very Low	Maintained	Concern	34,944	73.6	36,556	73.9	30,886	72.2	31,598	72.3	31,720	72.5
Teacher	21	84.5	29	83.7	28	81.9	25	79.8	22	81.8	Low	Maintained	Issue	33,172	89.0	33,821	89.6	30,033	86.8	30,814	85.2	32,215	85.7

As a school, here are the strategies we are engaging in to involve parents and families in learning:

- Welcoming parents into the building to start making them feel a greater sense of physical connection and relational community
- Providing opportunities for parent interaction with activities such as open house, meet the teacher, volunteer opportunities for field trips and activities at school as well as invitations to extra or co-curricular events in both the Fine Arts and Athletics domains
- Providing a variety of communication points including website, calendar, Paterson Press, PowerSchool and synervoice
- Reaching out to any families who many experience reluctancy or hesitancy to engage in order to provide a warm and supportive welcome. Exploring alternative ways to gather parent voice and feedback such as including interpreters where needed, working with LFS, and engaging with other community supports and agencies.
- School council provides a venue for parent voice with each agenda being shared in advance and maintaining an open door policy welcoming all who wish to attend

# **SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURE: Program of Studies**

Percentage of teachers, parents and students satisfied with the opportunity for students to receive a broad program of studies including fine arts, career, technology, and health and physical education.

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	19	202	0	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	leasure Evaluatio	n	201	9	202	<u>'0</u>	202	:1	202	22	202	:3
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Overall	283	83.1	284	82.2	306	71.3	297	83.5	237	86.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent	181,846	82.2	184,393	82.4	157,680	81.9	172,339	82.9	179,589	82.9
Parent	40	82.9	42	84.4	49	68.8	54	84.3	22	89.2	Very High	Maintained	Excellent	35,252	80.1	36,901	80.1	30,817	81.7	31,625	82.4	31,780	82.2
Student	222	83.1	213	77.5	229	73.4	218	77.3	193	84.1	Very High	Improved	Excellent	113,304	77.4	113,541	77.8	96,676	74.9	109,776	76.9	115,487	77.4
Teacher	21	83.3	29	84.8	28	71.6	25	89.0	22	85.7	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	33,290	89.1	33,951	89.3	30,187	89.2	30,938	89.3	32,322	89.3

Here are some strategies we are using to build understanding in our curricular outcomes at GPMS:

- Providing a variety of fine arts and second language learning opportunities
- Providing new opportunities for students that build off staff skills and contributions to our community while staying relevant with current technologies
- Working with numeracy, literacy, indigenous leads, inclusive education, making connections, technology teams to further our staff development in a way that enhances student learning, thinking and understanding
- Specifically with French immersion students, working with University of Lethbridge, French Advisory and SAPDC team, feeder schools in order to build curricular knowledge and cultural opportunities

# **SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURE: Lifelong Learning**

Percentage of teacher and parent satisfaction that students demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning,

				Gilbert	Paterson	Middle	Schoo											Albe	rta				
	201	19	202	20	202	21	202	22	202	23	N	leasure Evaluatio	n	201	9	202	<u>0</u>	202	21	202	2	202	23
	N							%	Achievement	Improvement	Overall	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Overall	59	53.4	71	55.8	73	73.4	77	78.2	44	69.3	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	66,943	71.4	69,182	72.6	59,478	82.1	60,822	81.0	62,032	80.4
Parent	38	45.8	42	46.8	46	61.1	53	76.4	22	62.9	Intermediate	Maintained	Acceptable	33,876	64.0	35,454	64.6	29,693	75.3	30,314	74.6	30,381	73.4
Teacher	21	61.0	29	64.9	27	85.7	24	80.0	22	75.8	Low	Maintained	Issue	33,067	78.8	33,728	80.6	29,785	88.9	30,508	87.4	31,651	87.3

Here are some strategies we are using to promote lifelong learning at GPMS:

- Engaging in a process to teach students how to interact with PowerSchool as a communication tool
  that can support their learning.
- Providing a wide range of experiences for students through options, volunteer opportunities, and clubs to explore and develop areas of passion.