

Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of
Tuesday, September 26th 2023



Recognition of Excellence

This month at the Council of Commissioners' meeting, the new Commitment to Success Plan was unveiled and adopted which covers the period of 2023 - 2027. The overarching goal of raising the graduation and certification rate from 77.5% to 82.5% was highlighted. Congratulations and gratitude was expressed to the working committee and to all the voices who contributed to the new strategic plan for the Eastern Townships School Board.

Dates to Remember...

Oct. 9 th	Holiday - Thanksgiving
Oct. 13 th	Pedagogical Day / Planning Day
Nov. 16, 17, 20 & 21 st	Pedagogical Days / Planning Days

Resolutions

- Commitment to Success Plan;
- Appointment of a Complaints Officer;
- Drummondville Elementary School - Signing officers for schools and centres;
- Mansonville Elementary School – Signing Officers for schools and centres.

See attached report from
the Director General,
Ms. Mackey



September 26,
2023

Our Vision:
The ETSB aspires to be a collaborative bilingual learning community committed to lifelong growth and wellbeing for all.

Our Values:

 **Inclusion**

 **Wellbeing**

 **Growth**

Director General's Report...

Tonight marks a pivotal moment... we have adopted our 2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan. This plan signifies a major milestone in the Eastern Townships School Board's journey, and as such, it will be the sole focus of my report.

The Commitment-to-Success Plan we have embraced has one overarching objective: to increase our 7-year cohort graduation and qualification rate from its current 77.5% to an impressive 82.5%. This goal reflects our unwavering commitment to the academic and personal development of each student within our communities. At the heart of this plan lie four key orientations:

Addressing the Vulnerability of Preschoolers: We recognize the importance of early intervention and support, ensuring that every child receives a strong foundation upon which they can build a successful educational journey.

Bilingualism – Nurturing Academic and Cultural Enrichment: Our dedication to bilingualism not only enriches our students' academic experiences but also strengthens their cultural awareness, fostering well-rounded individuals.

Valorize Transitions and Alternative Pathways: We acknowledge that the path to success is not always linear. By valuing transitions and alternative pathways, we provide diverse opportunities for students to thrive.

Maintain and Increase the Focus on the Wellbeing of Students and Staff: The wellbeing of our students and staff remains a cornerstone of our mission. A healthy and supportive environment is essential for fostering growth and success.

Our new mission, vision, and values will become the guiding lights of our organization:

Our Mission: The ETSB exists to provide its communities with a learning environment that promotes academic and personal development leading to the attainment of graduation or certification and opportunities to flourish and succeed.

Our Vision: The ETSB aspires to be a collaborative bilingual learning community committed to lifelong growth and wellbeing for all.

Our Values: Inclusion, Wellbeing, and Growth.

Our Mantra, "Moving Ahead. Together.," captures our belief that collective effort and collaboration are the keys to achieving our goals.

The 2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan rests on four foundational pillars that have been integral to our strategic plans since 2013:

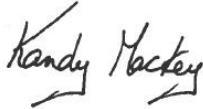
1. **Attachment-Based Developmental Approach:** By nurturing secure relationships and a sense of belonging, we create an environment where students can thrive emotionally and academically.

2. **Pedagogical Leadership:** Empowering our educators to lead and innovate in and out of the classroom is pivotal to our students' success.
3. **Professional Learning Communities:** Through collaboration and shared learning, we ensure that our staff remains at the forefront of educational best practices as they focus on student learning.
4. **Student Intellectual Engagement:** Engaging students in their learning journey fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love for learning.

I am proud to note that the development of this plan was a collective effort, with a working committee comprising 30 members from the ETSB and our Central Student Advisory Committee. Moreover, before presenting this plan for adoption tonight, we undertook thorough consultations with every school, centre, and service within our community. This reflects our commitment to inclusivity and our belief that every voice matters in shaping the future of our students.

In closing, I want to convey my sincere gratitude and admiration for the incredible dedication and hard work of our staff. I have high expectations because I have unwavering faith in our organization. Together, we can move mountains, and at the center of it all is our students' success and wellbeing. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, and we must remember that our students need that village – comprising parents, school communities, and all of us – to flourish.

Your Director General,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kandy Mackey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'M'.

Recognition of Excellence September 26th, 2023

This month the Council of Commissioners and Senior Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board would like to signal the following:



September 12th marked the official launch of the VT Effect or otherwise know as l'Effet FP Estrie. For the first time, all 9 vocational training centres of the Estrie region have aligned to better showcase their training programs that support the trades. This regional strategy will help to promote vocational training and demystify the pathway for adult learners, while highlighting the need for skilled labourers in our area.

The event was well attended and featured keynote speaker Philippe Lapeyrie who delivered a passionate discours of his personal journey and the vocational training programs that catapulted his career as a sommelier.

Congratulations to the ETSB's vocational training centres that are part of this initiative, namely the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre and the Campus Brome-Missisquoi. You are invited to follow the VT Effect on FaceBook and why not take part in the current contest underway <https://www.facebook.com/effetfp.vteffect> !

If you'd like to hear more about the VT Effect and the ETSB's participation, have a listen to the CIDI radio interview featuring our Chairman and Assistant Directors seen up top:
<https://www.cidig91.com/townshiptidbits/wckcd5vu3tbc33zztvw833p18yncan>