



Elbow Park School 2026 School Planning

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2026 School Planning

- Welcome
- Agenda
 - Presentation
 - Q & A
 - Gather feedback
 - Meeting evaluation





2026 School Planning

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Share information about school planning at Elbow Park School
- Gather feedback that may be considered in making future school planning decisions





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School Planning and You





How is Our School Development Plan Used?

- Guides ongoing assessment and review of goals and actions.
- Our school development plan is the driver for closing learning gaps and informs:
 - Instructional strategies & Professional learning
 - School structures and processes for learning
 - Resources to improve student learning
 - Data-informed decision making
 - Selection of on- and off-site student activities and residencies



School Development Plan – School Goal

- Students' demonstration of resilience and risk-taking at school will improve.





School Development Plan – Outcome

- Students will report an increased sense of connectedness within school through a greater willingness to take social and academic risks.





School Development Plan – Outcome Measures



- Student Perceptions Data: OurSCHOOL Survey: Students with a positive sense of belonging, Students with moderate or high levels of depression
- Results on CBE Problem Solving Rubric & Observation Checklist
- Results on HLAT standardized writing assessment

School Development Plan – Data for Monitoring Progress



- Student Perception Data – CBE Student Survey, OurSCHOOL Survey, Assurance Survey
- Use of diagnostic assessments throughout the year
- Teacher perception data about student resilience and self-regulation

School Development Plan – Actions

Learning Excellence

- Develop a K-6 scope & sequence for mathematical problem solving that outlines a coherent progression of skills, strategies, and language of reasoning across grades
- Support students in undertaking productive struggle in math problem solving by offering thought-provoking prompts, spaced practice, and encouragement.
- Through explicit instruction and feedback, develop students' functional writing skills alongside their ability to research, question and verify information using credible sources



School Development Plan

Well-Being

- Explicit instruction to identify stressors, understand early emotional cues and apply goal-setting and problem-solving strategies
- Acknowledge and celebrate risk-taking and growth mindset.



School Development Plan

Truth and Reconciliation, Diversity, and Inclusion

- To strengthen students' sense of belonging, revisit the Shared EPS School Values framework, expand opportunities for classroom sharing circles and continue cross-grade buddy programs.
- Provide authentic and meaningful opportunities to explore diversity and inclusion, with a focus on building cultural awareness and empathy





Questions?

We'll take a few minutes to answer questions about our school development plan.



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Our School Budget

- Our school received \$1.720 million in 2025-26 to provide a quality education to our 228 students and meet the goals in our school development plan (SDP).
- 97% per cent of budgeted funds (min 75%) covers **staffing** and the remaining portion covers instructional and operational **supplies**. This staffing allocation is so high due to generous support of EPPS fundraising.

Our 2025-26 School Budget

- Our student enrolment for the current year is 228.

RAM Allocations

Per School Total

\$495,385

Per Student Total

\$1,224,403

Total RAM Allocations

\$1,719,788

RAM Deployment

Scenario A

Organization

FTEs

Teachers

\$1,204,236

10.8

Support Staff

\$121,276

2.1

Administration

\$349,176

3.5

Total Staffing

\$1,674,688

16.5

Supplies/Other

\$45,100

Total RAM Deployment Plans

\$1,719,788





Our 2025-26 School Fees

We will consult with families by outlining proposed activities for the upcoming year that may require a fee for cost recovery.

- Elbow Park Parent Society funds on- and off-site experiences that involve all students in the school (e.g. Cricket, Decidedly Jazz, Mad Science workshops Calgary Opera, etc...)
- Parents are only charged for field trips specific to their grade. Examples may include:
 - Grade 5-6 Outdoor School
 - Telus SPARK and Shephard Landfill
- \$10 CBE Noon Activity Supply Fee: emergency lunches, cutlery & inclement weather activities



Our 2025-26 School Fees

§ Guide to 2025-26 School Fees

- 2024-25 Report to Parents on Fees:
<https://elbowpark.cbe.ab.ca/fees>



Questions?

We'll take a few minutes to answer questions about our school budget and fees.



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Gathering Your Feedback

Feedback is important as we consider school planning. When students, families and staff work closely together, students achieve greater success in their learning.

Please access this [online form](#) for the 7-question survey

EPS 2025-26 Budget, Fees, School Planning



Gathering Your Feedback

School Development Plan (SDP)

We share SDP information and updates in different ways. **In what ways have you learned about our SDP?**

- School website
- School council meeting
- SchoolMessenger
- Other

Gathering Your Feedback

School Development Plan (SDP)

The SDP is developed with all students in mind. **Do you agree that:**

- Your child's learning can benefit from the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP?
- The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP?



Gathering Your Feedback



School Budget & Fees

Schools must operate within their budget, and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, **what activities and services are most important to you?**

- Field trips
- Transportation for field trips
- Virtual on-site field trips (ie. Royal Tyrrell Museum)

Gathering Your Feedback



School Budget & Fees

Do you agree that:

- The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for your child's learning?
- The school fees you pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide your child?





Gathering Your Feedback

EPPS Society Budget Allocations:

Based on last year's "EPPS Spending Family Survey" results, our current budget now includes **three goals/criteria**:

1. **Align with CBE and EPS learning goals and values** (inclusive, equity, students come first, learning is our central purpose, and public education serves the common good).
2. **Enhance/enrich curricular learning outcomes**
3. Ensure a **variety of unique experiences** for students



Gathering Your Feedback

EPPS Society Budget Allocations:

The budget now contains categories for residencies to be offered, based on teacher and parent feedback:

- **Literacy:** Author Suze Vadori Writing Residency (multi-day and whole-school), Political Cartoonist (Gr.5-6)
- **Math and/or Science, Technology:** MadScience, Teacher's Pet in-class workshops
- **Wellness, culture and fine arts:** Fiddler, Veterans, Irish Dance
- **Physical Education:** Elev8 Lacrosse, Afrobeat Dance, Green Fools Circus Skills, Frisbee Rob disc golf, Curling, Physical Education Equipment
- **Technology** (hardware & software): iPads (x6)
- **James Short Memorial School** (ie. shared dance residency: AfroBeat)



Gathering Your Feedback

EPPS Society Budget Allocations:

- 1. How satisfied are you that the budget categories (literacy, STEM, fine arts, wellness/culture, and physical education) reflect the learning priorities and needs of our students?**

(Very satisfied – Satisfied – Neutral – Dissatisfied – Very dissatisfied)

- 2. Keeping in mind the three goals/criteria of the budget, how satisfied are you with the opportunities offered to our students this school year?**



Gathering Your Feedback

School Council Volunteering at our School:

Volunteers and their involvement in a supportive role are an integral part of our Kindergarten to Grade 6 programs as well as the day-to-day operation of the school.

At Elbow Park, we welcome your volunteer participation and invite you to take your place with us to contribute time, enthusiasm, talent, and commitment to supporting your children's education.





Gathering Your Feedback

School Council Volunteering at our School:

We welcome volunteers in the classroom, on field trips and with certain tasks at school or at home. Certain activities or field trips would not be possible without the active participation of our volunteers.

Our volunteer sign-up system moved online this year and descriptions of each opportunity have been updated.

Through the volunteer program, we are able to work together to:

- * Enhance the education and well-being of our students
- * Assist teachers with non-instructional tasks
- * Improve awareness and communication between the school and community



Gathering Your Feedback

School Council:

1. How aware are you of volunteer opportunities at Elbow Park School? (not at all aware, not aware, somewhat aware, aware, and very aware)
2. Are there any changes to our volunteer sign-up system that would allow you to volunteer more?
3. Please provide feedback on School Council run events (e.g. Muffin Mixer, Fall Fair, Halloween Dance)

Gathering Your Feedback



- Feedback is important as we consider school planning. When students, families and staff work closely together, students achieve greater success in their learning.
- The “EPS School Planning Survey 2026 | Elementary” is [available online](#) for all parents to complete online until March 31

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Next Steps

- We will update our school website with feedback from the online survey by May 7, 2026.
- We will share information about student results and the School Development Plan at our November 2026 School Council meeting.
- Our updated School Development Plan will be posted on our school website by November 30, 2026.



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Wrap-Up

- Thank you for your participation!
- Please take a few minutes at this time to share your feedback about this meeting. [Meeting Evaluation feedback link](#) will also be provided by March 16, 2026 via School Messenger.

School Planning Meeting
Evaluation - Elbow Park School
2026





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