

External School Review - Newbery Park Primary School

Across our education system, we seek growth for every student, in every class, and in every school.

The external school review value-adds and supports schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance by providing an expert external perspective on school performance by verifying or challenging:

- a school's improvement planning and processes and its impact on student learning
- the impact of previous external school directions
- the rigour of a school's improvement practices
- the school's capacity to achieve or sustain learning improvement over time.

The external school review lines of inquiry focus on:

- quality school improvement planning
- expert teaching
- quality leadership
- conditions for optimal learning.

The overarching question in every external school review is: How well does the school improve achievement, growth, challenge, engagement, and equity?

Impact of directions from the previous External School Review in August 2019.

The principal provided detailed information and documentation of the actions the school has taken to address each of the previous directions. The staff undertook an extensive review of processes of the ESR directions, gathered evidence of the impact of their actions and identified next steps for continuous improvement. A SIP feedback team was established in 2020 and the SIP became a living document with all staff more closely connected. The school has continued to strengthen their work in each step of the improvement planning cycle. There is alignment of professional development to the challenge of practice, actions are aligned to the challenge of practice and student success criteria. Evidence of termly reviews and adjustments to the SIP were provided. The school has implemented formative assessment strategies based on the work of Dylan William. Teachers use formative assessment to inform their teaching and develop individual student learning goals. The school is responsive to feedback and have made appropriate adjustments to the way they communicate with parents. There are clear processes in place to support continuous improvement and consistent planning proformas have been developed.

Outcomes from the External School Review held in November 2022.

The principal will work with the education director to implement the following directions:

- Direction 1** **Strengthen whole-school instructional routines for literacy blocks that provides challenge and engagement for all students.**
- Direction 2** **Provide instructional coaching that improves teacher effectiveness to positively impact on individual learning outcomes for all students.**
- Direction 3** **Ensure the school vision and values are aspirational, reflective of current practices, understood and enacted by all.**

These directions are published on the school improvement plan and will support the school's ongoing improvement work.

Based on the school's current performance, Newbery Park Primary School will be externally reviewed again in 2025.



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