

## DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY

## Policy 101

### Strategic Planning

#### Foundational Statement

The Board of Education is committed to supporting the educational journey of every student in the Richmond School District. We recognize that the world is in a state of continual change, and we must therefore adapt our learning environments to ensure that every student can thrive and be successful.

Equity and inclusion are foundational to learning and leading, and are critical to success, well-being, and fulfillment. It is our mission to ensure that all our students, families, and staff feel welcomed, are treated respectfully, and have a sense of belonging. We acknowledge our responsibility to support all learners so they may successfully complete their education with a sense of dignity, purpose, and options.

The Board also recognizes the critical importance of taking a central and active role in Truth and Reconciliation and is fully committed to ensuring that Indigenous Peoples' history, perspectives, and learning approaches are embedded within district planning and practices.

Through thoughtful planning and deliberate action, we believe that we can inspire and support everyone in our educational community to be lifelong learners who understand their role as global citizens. Every aspect of the strategic planning process is designed to support these foundational principles. The Board of Education believes that alignment amongst provincial, district and school level planning is crucial in order to ensure the continuous improvement of educational outcomes for all students.

#### Legislative Requirement

In accordance with the [British Columbia Framework for Enhancing Student Learning \(FESL\) Policy](#), Boards of Education are required to set, create and maintain a strategic plan, annually reporting on student outcomes. The strategic planning process provides the Board of Education and the District with a clear and evidence-based path forward that sets a plan in place to support student achievement. Effective planning ensures public resources entrusted to the Board of Education are used for optimal results in terms of student achievement.