

We asked and you answered!



More than 240 people responded to our recent surveys asking about Literacy and Numeracy programs within Battle River School Division. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.



Here's what you told us about Literacy:

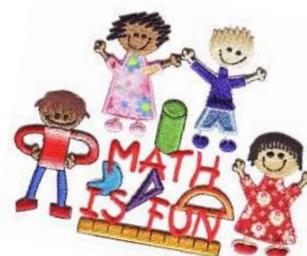
- 95% of respondents feel teachers are providing high quality Literacy instruction.
- Respondents appreciate the large literacy focus in BRSD schools. They also appreciate the opportunities students receive for individual support through intervention time and phonics; one on one or small group instruction and speech therapy if needed.
- You also said you'd like schools to provide more. More writing, more small group / one on one time, more intervention, more support for home, more resources, more fun and more challenge for those doing well.

This is some of what BRSD will be doing next year, based on your input:

- All K-3 schools have been provided resources to support teachers in developing foundational literacy skills, plus K-9 teachers will work elbow-to-elbow with our Literacy staff to build skills in small group instruction and creating challenging activities.
- Using writing benchmark assessment to support teachers in planning their writing programs for students.
- Implementing a reading intervention pilot program in 8 schools, as well as working with schools to develop flexible timetables that allow for additional intervention time and supports.
- A monthly newsletter supporting literacy at home will be shared with families.

Here's what you said has been going well with Numeracy:

- Building confidence, by helping students have a positive attitude and view themselves as 'good at math';
- Learning fundamental concepts and basic math skills, sometimes using 'the old'
- Respondents appreciate working come home, and also having access to Power School, in order to see students' progress.



Here's what you would like to see more of, related to Numeracy:

- More emphasis on 'the basics' and more help for those who need it.
- More regular updates to parents from the school, along with ideas and resources to support them at home.
- More challenge and advanced courses for those who are doing well.

This is some of what BRSD will be doing next year, based on your input:

- Providing teachers with training on the new Math curriculum and strategies for teaching the basics.
- Schools will be expected to share resources, ideas and communicate with parents, to support their children at home.
- Using Locally Developed Courses, resources and adjusted school timetables to provide opportunities for students who need more challenge in not only Math, but all curriculum areas.

Thank You for your feedback.

Your input helps BRSD serve students better!