



Our Students

In 2016-2017, Palliser Regional Schools serves 8,211 students from early learning and kindergarten through Grade 12. We offer a diverse range of programs from rural to urban from Coaldale to Calgary; from community schools to faith-based; from traditional to online and outreach high schools. We have specialized programs for families from the Low German-speaking Mennonite community or Hutterite Colonies and for those who choose Christian or Islamic schools or home schooling.

While our 51 programs are unique to their communities, they are united in providing safe and caring learning environments where all students of all abilities are supported to achieve the highest level of success possible through literacy, assessment for learning and leadership opportunities.

Together



Our Staff

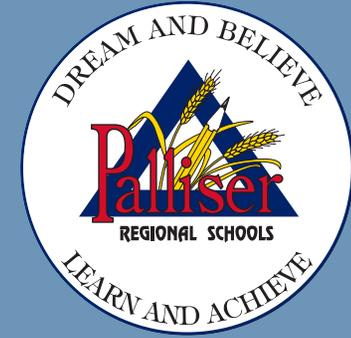
Palliser is fortunate to have highly engaged and passionate staff who are committed to the best interests of our students. In Fall 2016, our team includes 578 certificated teachers and 497 non-certificated support staff in full- or part-time roles. Rounding out this team are hundreds of casual staff.

The division provides meaningful professional development opportunities for all employee groups, including caretakers, bus drivers, librarians, educational assistants and administrative assistants.

Our teachers have four division-wide days a year for collaboration with colleagues from other Palliser schools, in addition to PD days spent at the schools.

A team of experts in technology, literacy, behaviour and inclusion provide support to our classroom teachers.

Leading in



Our Results

Our schools deliver outstanding results by providing students safe and caring learning environments and individualized attention. Achievements in 2015-2016 include:

- 92.2% of Palliser students achieved the acceptable standard on their Grade 6 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test (PAT); and 34.8% achieved the provincial standard of excellence.
- 86.6% of Grade 6 Science students achieved the acceptable standard on their PAT; 38.3% achieved the standard of excellence.
- Overall, 82.5% of Palliser students achieved the acceptable standard on all PATs and 29% achieved the standard of excellence.
- 88% of Palliser students achieved the acceptable standard in diploma exams; 21.4% achieved excellence.

Literacy



Literacy

Palliser has a division-wide literacy focus at all grades and in all subject areas.

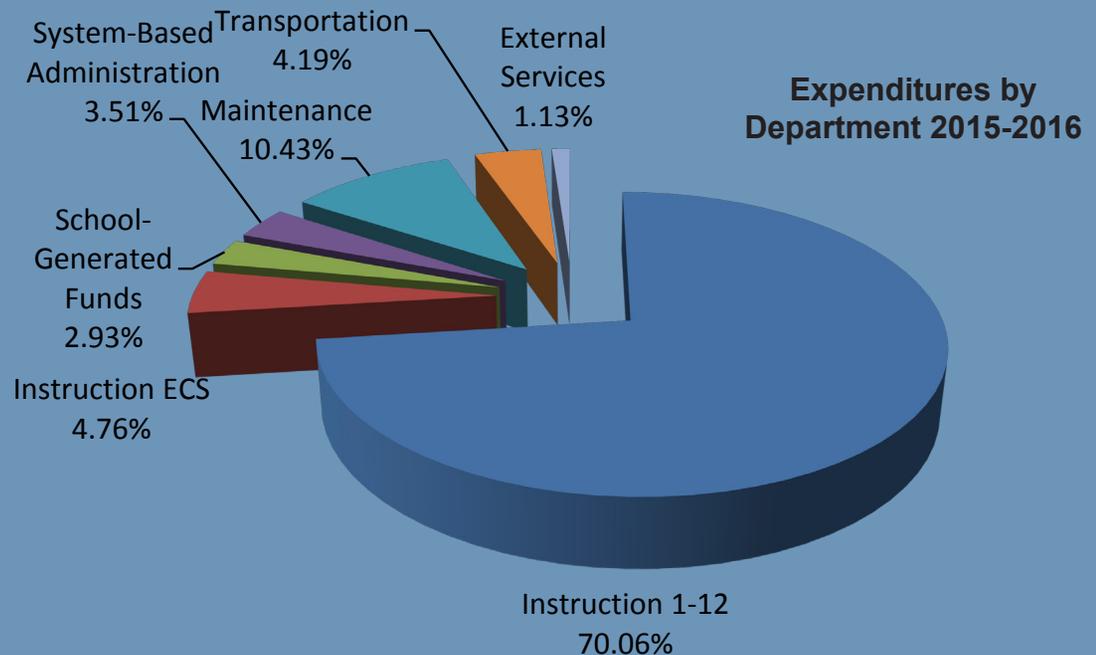
In Spring 2016, 76% of Grade 3 students in Palliser were reading at or above grade level. In Spring 2014, the first year of division-wide adoption of a reading assessment tool, 53% of Grade 3 students were reading at or above grade level. This is a significant improvement in two years, and bodes well for Palliser's goal of ensuring 95% of Grade 3 students are at or above grade level by Spring 2019.

In 2016-2017, a pilot project will begin in two Palliser schools aimed at transforming the teaching and assessment of writing.

A range of resources support literacy, including a literacy specialist and a summer reading program.

Read the full report online:

Investing in Students



In 2015-2016, Palliser spent \$93.5 million with about 78% of spending on instruction for early learning, kindergarten through Grade 12. The next largest share of spending is in Maintenance of buildings, representing just 10.4% of expenditures. System administration accounted for 3.51% of spending.

Our biggest expense and greatest resource is our people, with 80.27% of spending going to salaries and benefits in 2015-2016.

We're Listening

In addition to surveys administered by Alberta Education, Palliser collects stakeholder feedback through its school review process. In 2015-2016, four reviews were conducted, and 133 parents/guardians participated in focus group sessions. Another 596 completed electronic surveys. Staff and students are also interviewed and surveyed.

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