



# BOTHA SCHOOL AERR 2023-2024

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# About us

**Botha School is a delightful, small school that offers high quality education from preschool to grade six. Located in Botha, Alberta, students are able to learn in an environment that consists of small class sizes, hands on learning, and the use of current technology. Our small size also make it possible for students to develop their mentorship, leadership, and life skills in meaningful ways. Our school is further enhanced with the support & dedication from parents and volunteers who provide unique learning experiences for students as well as additional learning resources.**





# Our Vision, Mission & Values

The mission at Botha School is to provide quality educational experiences for all students in a safe and caring learning environment.



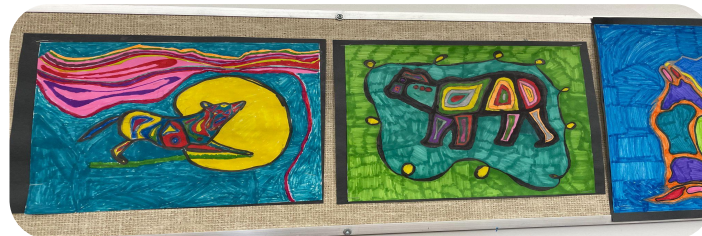
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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Start Right Playschool**
- **Part-time Kindergarten**
- **Literacy & Numeracy Focus**
- **Indigenous Studies**
- **Life Skill Learning**
- **Community Partnership~**
  - Botha Senior Centre**
  - Stettler & Area Family Resource Network**
  - Stettler & District Food Bank**
  - Local Farm Visits**
- **After School Program**
- **Family School Liaison (FSL)**
- **Nutrition Program**
- **Hot Lunch**



## Character Education, Whole child development:

Character education is at the core of all activities and learning in Botha School. There is an intentional focus on kindness, citizenship, equity, inclusion, perseverance, conflict resolution, and growth mindset to continually build up these traits in students & staff.



# WHOLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Mentorship



Terry Fox Run



Citizenship



Teamwork



Kindness



Community



Perseverance & Growth Mindset





# ATHLETICS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR



**Students at Botha School are offered opportunities for swimming, skating, skiing, track & field, team sports as available.**





# Summary: REQUIRED AEAM Results

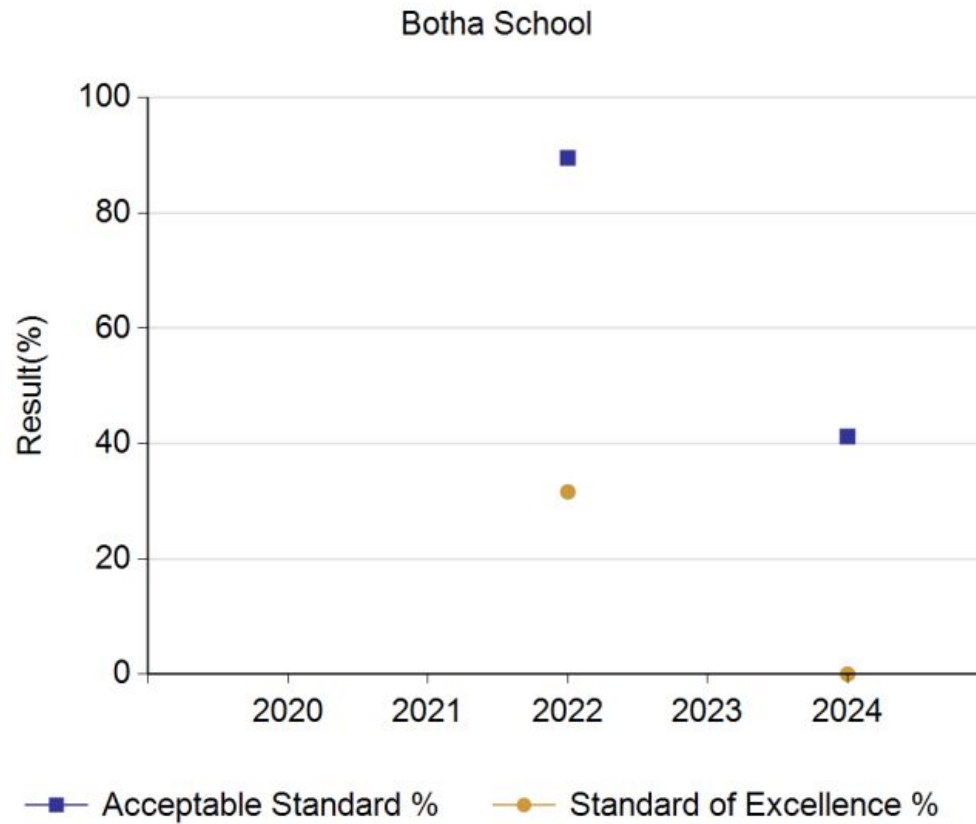
## Fall 2024 Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures – Overall Summary

Assurance Domain	Measure	Botha School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev. Year Result	Prev. 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev. Year Result	Prev. 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	56.3	63.9	73.6	83.7	84.4	84.8	n/a	Declined	n/a
	Citizenship	70.3	76.4	85.2	79.4	80.3	80.9	Low	Declined	Issue
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	80.4	80.7	82.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	88.1	88.6	87.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT6: Acceptable	41.2	n/a	n/a	68.5	66.2	66.2	Very Low	n/a	n/a
	PAT6: Excellence	0.0	n/a	n/a	19.8	18.0	18.0	Very Low	n/a	n/a
	PAT9: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	62.5	62.6	62.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT9: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.4	15.5	15.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	81.5	80.3	80.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.6	21.2	21.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	96.9	94.4	97.2	87.6	88.1	88.6	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	72.2	83.9	89.5	84.0	84.7	85.4	n/a	Declined	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	79.2	96.3	97.4	79.9	80.6	81.1	n/a	Declined	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	n/a	n/a	n/a	79.5	79.1	78.9	n/a	n/a	n/a

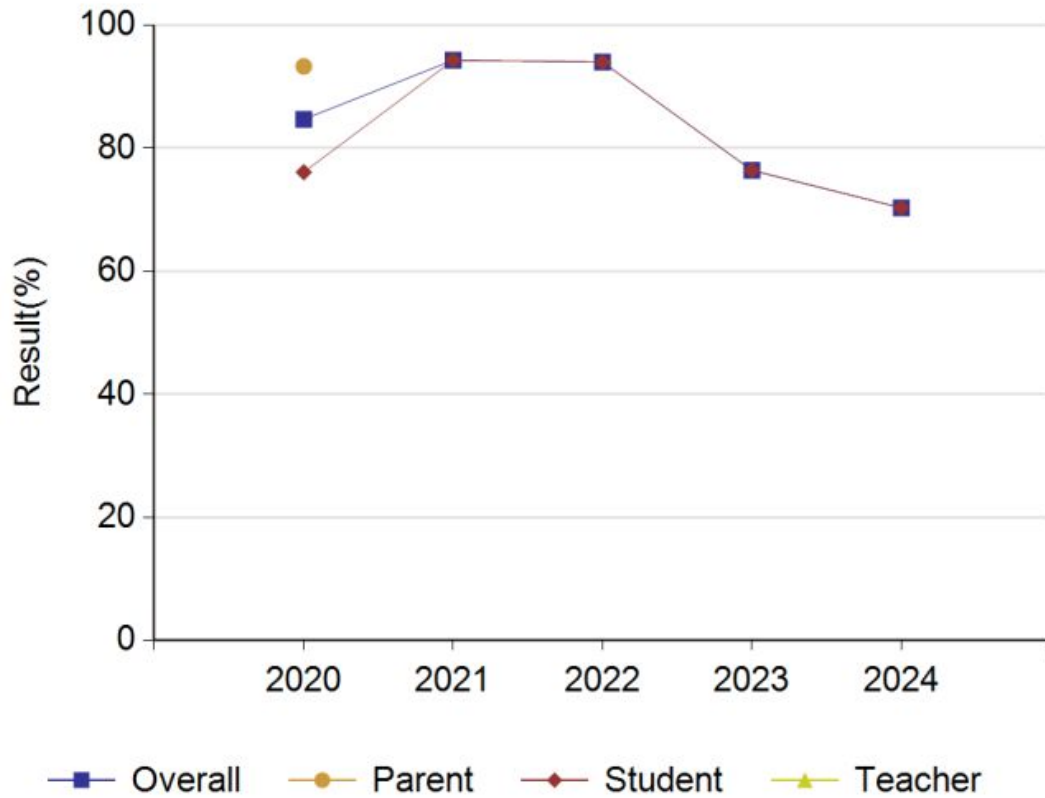
### Analysis:

The wide variance of results from 'issue' to 'excellent' is difficult to understand in terms of trends or generalizations. Our school plan for this year focuses on improving instruction in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and student engagement. We hope that this will translate into positive and consistent results on our AEAM.

# Academic Achievement: PAT results

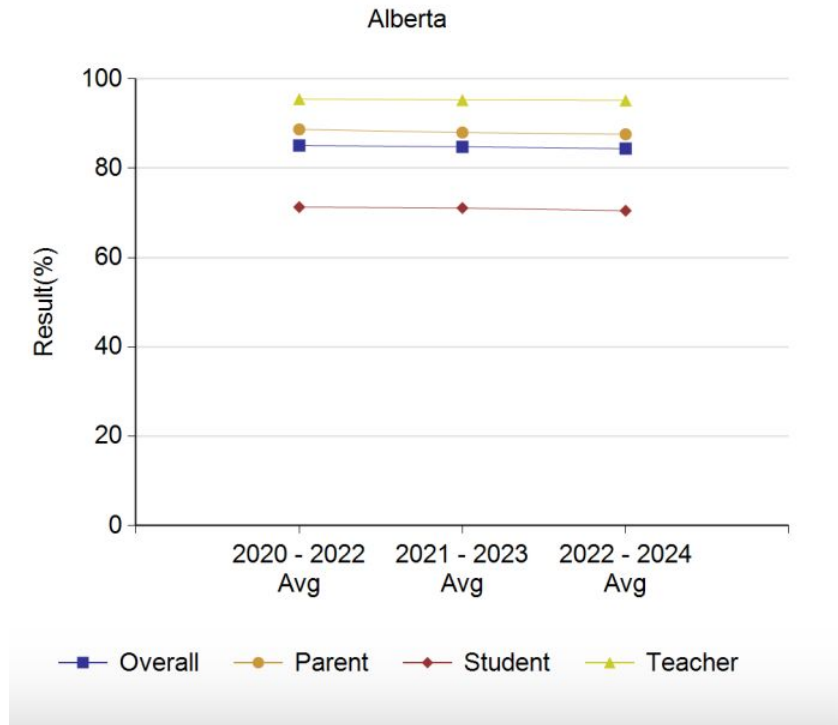


# Citizenship

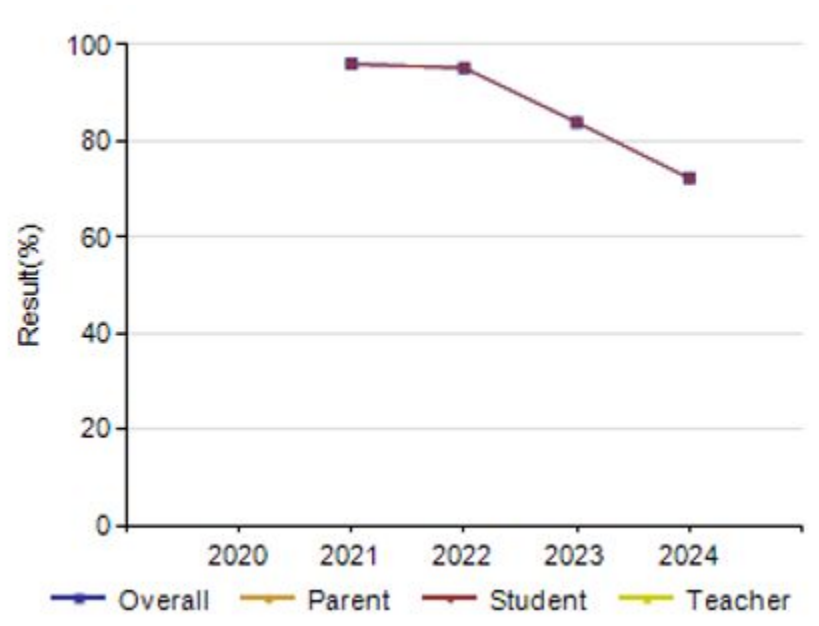




# Student Learning Engagement

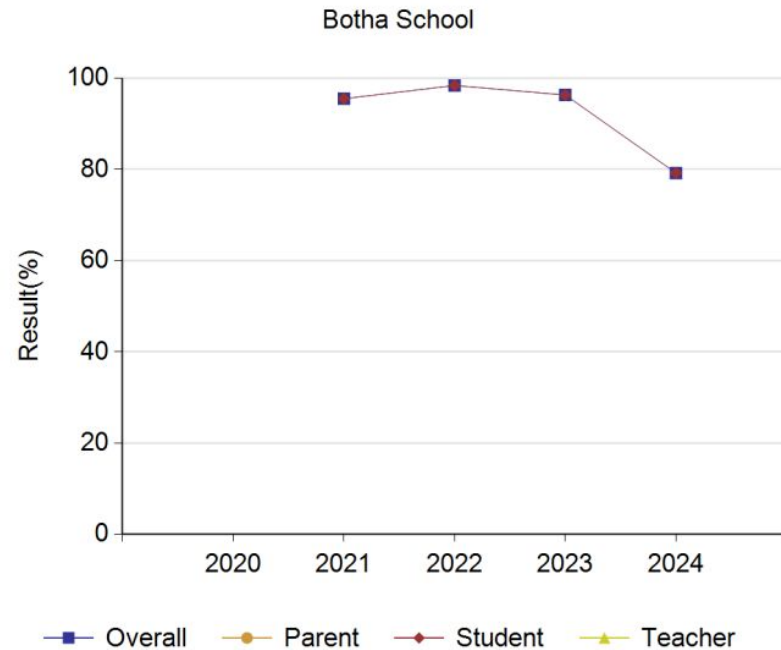


# Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe



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# Access to Supports & Services



Notes:



# Parental Involvement

## Results:

Results from the AEAM were not available for parent involvement due to the low number of respondents.

## Strategies:

- Timely and relevant communication to parents from classroom teachers and administration.
- Monthly calendar to keep parents informed
- Volunteer opportunities
- Support of School Council Initiatives: Fundraising (Ice Melt, Casino), Hot Lunch Program, School Activities (Skiing, Hockey Day, Swimming)

# Education Quality

## Education Quality – Measure Details

Percentage of teachers, parents and students satisfied with the overall quality of basic education													
	School										Measure Evaluation		
	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Achievement	Improvement	Overall
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%			
Overall	28	90.2	22	100.0	21	100.0	18	94.4	16	96.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Parent	6	91.7	3	*	2	*	n/a	n/a	3	*	*	*	*
Student	22	88.6	22	100.0	21	100.0	18	94.4	16	96.9	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Teacher	5	*	5	*	4	*	3	*	3	*	*	*	*

### Results:

Student survey results remain very high with respect to previous years and in comparison with provincial data.

### Strategies:

A focus will continue in the following areas to maintain results in the quality of education Botha students receive:

- Authentic learning experiences
- High impact teaching strategies & lessons
- Rich professional development opportunities for staff

# Grade 1-3: Literacy Data

- List assessments used at each grade level
- Use a chart to illustrate:
  - Total number of students assessed at each grade level
  - Total number of students identified at the beginning as being at risk at each grade level
  - Total number of students identified at the end of the year as being at risk at each grade level
  - Summary of intervention / support strategies used for students identified as being at risk at each grade level
- Analysis / interpretation, insights, trends to highlight, ties to your 2023-24 Ed plan





# Grade 1-3: Numeracy Data

- List assessments used at each grade level
- Use a chart to illustrate:
  - Total number of students assessed at each grade level
  - Total number of students identified at the beginning as being at risk at each grade level
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# Academic Achievement - Local data

What other data aside from PATs/Dips can you provide or highlight to assure parents and public that student academic achievement continues to be a focus / is improving?

- 3T, Acadience, other similar measures specific to your school
- Analysis / interpretation, insights, trends to highlight, strategies for success tied to your 2023-24 Ed plan

# Learning Disruption

## Addressing the learning gaps in our students:

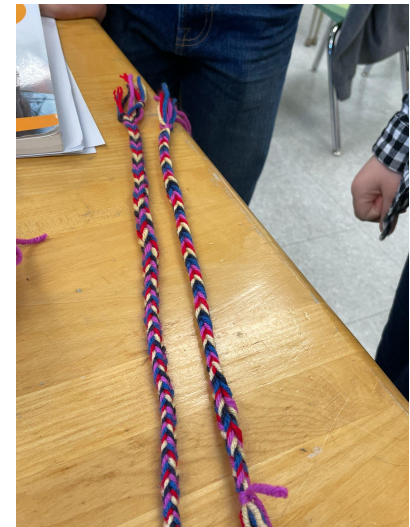
- review essential outcomes from the previous grade
- focus on the essential outcomes for the new grade
- allow for larger blocks of time for ELA and Math focus
- 3T literacy screening assessment and provincial numeracy screening assessment
- added Educational Assistant opportunities within the ELA and Math classes in grades 1-6 to allow for more focused instruction to single grades
- continue with literacy intervention to focus on reading skills in small groups

# First Nation, Métis & Inuit Students (FMNI) Results

**Botha School has a small FMNI population, thus, results are not reported by Alberta Education**



- Embedded in all curricular areas when appropriate
- Special Day Celebrations: Orange Shirt Day, Indigenous Peoples Day
- Indigenous guest speakers who share about their culture.



# Staff Development

Provide local data illustrating teacher **and** support staff learning and development - can include participation data in teacher mentorship program, aspiring leaders program, development of professional growth plans and achievement of goals; budget and other supports in place that promote development and professional learning.





# Stakeholder engagement

- Monthly Calendar
- Regular School Council Meetings
- Trustee Visit
- Brightarrow to communicate school wide messages
- Botha School Facebook page

# Trends

- Stable school population of approximately 54 students
- Significant needs for literacy and numeracy support to bring students to grade level
- Increase in instructional leadership focus to support teacher practice

# Challenges

- Decrease in student population.
- Increased costs of services that support student programming (example transportation costs).

# Greatest Successes

Academic - Literacy Intervention Groups

Citizenship - Ice melt fundraiser

School Culture - High participation in spirit days, collaboration on Ferdinand “The Botha Bull”.

- Literacy Data showed growth across our school k-9.
- Beginning steps to implementing guided math to focus on numeracy growth.

# What People Say About Our School

“Botha School is such a welcoming school with strong rural roots, quality education, an outstanding group of staff that are so caring. They truly put their heart into the school and always go the extra mile; with small class sizes, lots of one on one time, and a warm inviting atmosphere. I always know that my children are in the best hands. The after school program was a big game changer for us. As parents that work in Stettler and kids that are usy in after school activities it truly takes the worry away and makes it possible for us to keep our kids in Botha School. We are beyond grateful and so proud to be a part of the Botha School family.”

“As a new family to the Botha area, the staff at the school welcomed us with open arms and made us feel right at home. Whether you are visiting the school or calling, you are always treated with respect and kindness. We send our kids each morning and know they are going to be taken care of whilst receiving a great education. We are grateful to have such a wonderful school in our community. “





# Planning for 2024-2027

- School and divisional focus on literacy, numeracy and student engagement.
- Increased level of instructional leadership with targeted funds from Clearview.
- Continued growth on guided math practice.

We at Botha School continue to care and support the student/families in our school.

[Botha School Education Plan](#)

[Clearview School Division Education Plan, 2024-27](#)

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