



# ALMADINA LANGUAGE CHARTER ACADEMY

## Read and Write, Reach the Height

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### Education Planning Process – Together, Reaching New Heights

Earlier this fall, I announced that our school will embark on a new education planning process to align to Alberta's new assurance model. Designed to capture the hopes and dreams of our passionate school community, we will embark on a seven-month collaborative process to build a "shared vision of success" for the years 2020 - 2023. We have assembled an Innovation Planning Committee (IPC) to lead this project:

- The two principals will oversee and monitor all school-based activities related to the planning process;
- The two Vice Principals will organize and oversee three community engagement meetings;
- The Literacy Coaches will organize a student engagement strategy;
- The Numeracy Coaches will help ensure everyone remains informed of the process;
- The IT department and the office Manager will help support the technical requirements in developing the plan; and sharing the plan on social media

Almadina's planning process will involve four major components: a student engagement strategy, a public awareness program, a community engagement strategy, and finally an internal review process.

**Student Engagement Strategy** - Serving as the source of inspiration for our community engagement meetings, from Oct. 28 to Nov. 13 students will be asked to visually respond to the following questions:

- K – Gr. 4 Students: What makes my school good? What would make it even better?
- Gr. 5 – 9: What does it look like when you are learning at your best? What actions can adults take to improve learning at Almadina School? What actions can students take to improve learning at Almadina School?

Representation of their answers may be through photographs, drawings, crafts, essays, word art, video, recorded songs. Our intent is to place as many of our students' artifacts into a time capsule to be open upon completion of the plan in 2023.

**Public Awareness Program** - Making use of our website and new social media platforms, we also aspire to build our stakeholders' awareness of our education planning process and the progress of our work. Specifically, our journey will be record via our public website, with updates made on our new Almadina [Facebook page](#) and Twitter account (@almadinayyc) that will be officially launched and announced to our community on Nov. 2, 2020.

**Community Engagement Strategy** – Over the course of three half-days, we will be bringing together over 100 members of our school community – including all staff– to map out a path forward. All meetings will be held virtual via Zoom on the following dates:

- Community Engagement Meeting 1: Monday, November 30, 2020, from 9 am to 12 noon
  - Aim – To identify Almadina's priorities by responding to the questions: what we want our school to look like by 2023? What do we need to do to ensure we get there?
- Monday, January 4, from 9 am to 12 noon



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- Aim – To identify goals and outcomes for Almadina’s education plan by reviewing the feedback received from Community Engagement Meeting 1, as well as drafting goal and outcome statements.
- May (AGM), from 9 am to 12 noon
  - Aim – To review and celebrate the draft education plan.

Each engagement meeting has been designed to honour the voice of all participants.

**Internal Review Process** - Involving stakeholders where their expertise is best realized, during the month of April, our principals will be meeting with their respective school staffs to review the information learned from the first two community engagement meetings to draft strategies for the plan.

In the process of identifying our external invitation list for our first community engagement meeting on Nov. 30, 2020, I encourage you to watch for weekly updates on the planning process via our public website, Facebook page and Twitter account, beginning Nov. 2, 2020. We are very excited to engage our school community in this process. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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