

## Superintendent's Message

### Education and Mental Health Awareness Week

May 3 – 9, 2021 marks Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week – a celebration of education and recognition of the importance of positive mental health.

In Peace River School Division we are committed to teach, support and nurture the whole student - through engaging classrooms, qualified and caring staff, focus on emotional, social and physical wellness, leadership and mentorship programs, positive behaviour and character programs, and the support of Youth Education Workers and Success Coaches. We are proud of the dynamic learning communities within our schools and we strive to support our students in any way we possibly can. By incorporating wellness into classrooms and curriculum we acknowledge the link between education and mental health which better enables our students to reach their full potential.

We understand it takes a village to raise a child and both the educational and mental health needs are crucial aspects of learning, well-being and success. We are very thankful for the various partnerships we share with agencies, community members and organizations in our school communities. These community partnerships not only provide increased supports for students, they demonstrate that their school communities care, and it also shows what can be achieved when we work together.

During Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week, our students and staff will participate in activities and learning opportunities that highlight the importance of education and mental health in our lives, families, schools, community and the world.

Thank you to students, parents, staff, community members and organizations for your support - the work you do makes a difference and we appreciate you.

Paul Bennett  
Superintendent of Schools