

# **Annual Education Results Report for 2020/2021**

## **Accountability Statement for the Annual Education Results Report**

The Annual Education Results Report for Christian Alliance P.C. Lau Memorial International School for the 2020/2021 school year was prepared under the direction of the Board in accordance with the responsibilities under the Education Act and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act. The Board is committed to using the results in this report, to the best of its abilities, to improve outcomes for students and to ensure that all students in the school authority can acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to be successful and contributing members of society.

This Annual Education Results Report for 2020/2021 was approved by the Board on November 26, 2021.

Mrs. Regina Pei, School Supervisor



Reopening Dedication Ceremony



CAPCL students singing Hymn of Promises

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Pyjamas Day



Chinese New Year Fair



Book Character Day



Christ Ambassador Day



100 Days of School



CA Makerspace

## (I) Local and Societal Context

The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) is a reflection of Christian Alliance P.C. Lau Memorial International School (CAPCL)'s first year of operation after a 3-year closure. CAPCL underwent a major renovation from July 2017 through August 2020 and reopened its doors with 150 Preparatory to Grade 3 students in mid-August, 2020.

COVID-19 is no stranger to anyone. Without any invitation, this virus intrudes into our daily life and has redefined normalcy. As imposed by the Education Bureau to all schools in Hong Kong, CAPCL began its first day of school with remote learning. Online interaction was surely not the preferred way of starting a school year with 100% new students, 100% new parents, 100% new teachers, and 100% new teaching assistants (TAs). This undertaking was only made possible with the relentless efforts of the board members, school leaders, teachers, TAs, and office staff, as well as the trust and support of parents and their children.

After weeks of remote learning, CAPCL was permitted to have full-day classes for about two months. Unfortunately, a sudden surge of COVID-19 cases in the city forced all schools to resume remote learning from November 2020 until February 2021. Dedicated teachers and TAs met with children in small groups through zoom, providing differentiated instruction, learning support, and pastoral care. Furthermore, they created all sorts of school-based learning videos and uploaded them to CAPCL's online platform. Their professionalism and genuine care for students have earned CAPCL parents' respect, trust, and appreciation.

CAPCL was likely to be one of those schools with the highest face-to-face contact time with children for the 2020-2021 school year. CAPCL met the stringent hygiene requirement from the Centre of Health Protection and Education Bureau for full-day classes, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the facility and cleaning teams of the School.

The Parent Support Group (PSG) was formed in December 2020 with five parent representatives from different grades. The PSG assisted in designing a parent survey, and the collected results were helpful to the creation of the Education Plan (2021-2024). They also helped out in the virtual Schoolwide Parent Forum in June 2021. All parents of the school community learned of the School's Education Plan (2021-2024) and had opportunities to share their feedback.

Moreover, the teachers prepared a simplified student survey for our grade 2 and 3 students and a few students were also interviewed for further elaboration of their thoughts and opinions. The triangulation of the results from various stakeholders (i.e. teachers, parents, and students) provides a valid and reliable picture of the school's causes for celebration and areas for growth.

With God's grace and provision, CAPCL held the Reopening Dedication Ceremony on May 15, 2021, with attendees from the School Sponsoring Body, the School Board, parents, staff, and student body (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucDSjB\_RP8k). One of the highlights was the CAPCL students singing *Hymn of Promises*. Lastly, there was no better way to end the first year of CAPCL's reopening with the Preparatory graduation ceremonies and year-end staff appreciation luncheon. God is good all the time. All the time God is good. To Him be honour and glory!

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## (II) Spring 2021 Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary

Assurance Domain	Measure	Christian Alliance P.C. Lau Me			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result		Current Result		Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	100.0	n/a	n/a	85.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Citizenship	100.0	n/a	n/a	83.2	83.3	83.0	Very High	n/a	n/a
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.4	80.3	79.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	86.2	85.3	84.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	73.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & _eading	Education Quality	100.0	n/a	n/a	89.6	90.3	90.2	Very High	n/a	n/a
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	100.0	n/a	n/a	87.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	100.0	n/a	n/a	82.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	100.0	n/a	n/a	79.5	81.8	81.4	Very High	n/a	n/a

## (III) Commentary on Results

#### **Student Growth and Achievement**

Overall, results from *Student Learning Engagement* were high. Teachers had PAIR—Planning, Assessment, Instruction, Reflection—meetings weekly. Their goals are to cultivate language literacy through the English-Chinese Bilingual Instruction Model.

Results from *Citizenship* were satisfactory with mostly high and a few average results. Due to social distancing requirements under the influence of COVID-19, students were scheduled to have staggered recesses and lunch sessions by grade for the entire 2020-2021 school year. As a result, their interactions were limited to those within their own class and grade. In response, the school plans to increase the variety of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular interactions among children from different grades, with the focus on building active citizenship among children in the community.

### Teaching and Leading

Results from *Education Quality* were high. Teachers and parents were satisfied with the overall quality of basic education. The School adopted a literacy benchmarking assessment system to chart student progress. As a result, 82% of students have shown literacy progress and 81% of students were at or above the grade reading level.

Furthermore, all teachers are committed to meeting the Teaching Quality Standards. The School supported teaching and leadership quality through professional learning, supervision, and evaluation processes. Each teacher developed their growth plan, had a mid-year review, and completed a year-end performance appraisal. All of these processes comply with the Teacher Growth, Supervision, and Evaluation Policy of Alberta Education.



### **Learning Supports**

The triangulation of data from teachers, parents, and students shows that stakeholders' agreement on *Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments* were satisfactory with mostly high and a few average results. As a result, the School plans to be more purposeful in fostering healthy relationships among students.

Furthermore, teachers' responses to questions about *Access to Support and Services* were very high. The school provided push-in and pull-out learning support to students with identified needs. Around 20% of the student body received various levels of learning support in the academic year of 2020-2021. The learning support teacher developed Individual Education Plans for these students. Parents were also cooperative and sought additional support and assessment from external providers to help their children. Hence, teachers, parents and students agreed that students had access to the appropriate supports and services at school.

#### **Governance**

Results from *Parental Involvement* were high. The Parent Support Group had parent representatives from most grades. They had three meetings to discuss school affairs during the academic year of 2020-2021. There was also a school-wide parent forum before the end of the school year.

### (IV) Causes for Celebration

- 1. *Planning, Instruction, and Assessment:* CAPCL has dedicated and caring teachers, TAs, and office staff. Teachers work in collaborative teams planning for engaging lessons. Appropriate use of technology is vital to support learning. Furthermore, teachers and TAs have used multiple methods of charting children's literacy progress.
- 2. Active Learning: CAPCL went through 10 different instructional modes, blending online learning with face-to-face classes. Despite the challenges, there were various school events such as Thanksgiving Week, Remembrance Day, Crazy Hair Day, Pyjamas Day, Christ Ambassador Day, Book Character Day, Online Christmas Party, and Face-to-face Parent Teacher Interviews. Each class had at least one field trip before the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 3. **Learning Support:** Students with needs were given push-in and pull-out support. The learning support teacher prepared Individual Education Plans for students based on their Educational Psychologist Reports.

Over the summer break in July 2021, the school has also designated a specific Learning Support Room—Dreamland—for pull-out lessons. In the 2021-2022 school year, TAs help out in push-in support. In the near future, the School plans to employ a full-time Guidance Counselor who is responsible for planning and delivering individual and group guidance/ counselling. The Guidance Counselor will assist students and their families in receiving appropriate assistance from other programs and services within and outside of the school.

4. **Parental Involvement:** The PSG was formed in December 2020 and had regular meetings to discuss school affairs. They assisted in creating a parent survey in March and met to discuss the findings in May. Members of PSG supported the virtual Schoolwide Parent Forum in June. They participated actively to support new families' orientation in July.

In the 2021-2022 school year, PSG will organize parent volunteers who can support the school library and resource preparation. They will also help out in school excursions. In the near future, members of PSG will also participate in the tendering process of extracurricular activities, school bus, lunch catering, uniform, etc.

5. **Facility Improvement:** The Treehouse Library, CA Makerspace, and Heavenly Studio for Music and Movement were well-used by our classes in the 2020-2021 school year. Learning often went beyond their regular classrooms. The Outdoor Playset and Soccer Field were the children's favourite during recess.

Over the summer break in July 2021, the School has added a STEM Wall and Water Station in the Outdoor Play Space. In addition to the Dreamland for learning support classes, children have their art lessons in a newly renovated art room named CloudWorks. During the 2021-2022 school year, families work together and raise funds for the installation of foldable partitions in the Covered Play Space (CPS). This enhancement will allow the usage of air-conditioning in the CPS during summer. If feasible, the school may have a small garden near the CPS. In the near future, the School plans to add two new learning spaces—STREAM Rooms—for STEM, Research, and Art development. The School aims to improve the learning facilities that meet the educational needs of CAPCL students.

## (V) Areas for Growth

- 1. Foster Healthy Relationships Among Students: Teachers use Student Behaviour Incident Forms to record and chart students' behaviours. They advise students to make better choices and meet with children to resolve their conflicts. Teachers support children to develop moral and emotional intelligence through Social Emotional Learning lessons.
- 2. *Monthly Chapel:* Children of different grades meet for worship, message, and class presentation. Its focus is character development and spiritual formation.
- 3. Sense of Belonging in a Learning Community: Students get to know other children of the school beyond their own class and grade through various curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. New school events for the 2021-2022 school years are Orange Shirt Day, Pink Shirt Day, Pie Day, Growth Mindset Day, and Fruit of the Spirit Day. There are also schoolwide events for CAPCL families such as Family Outing, Christmas Services, and Joyful Carnival.

There is a church housed within the same premises as the School, and their pastoral staff provide marital and family support to our parents. There are regular prayer meetings, parenting seminars and interest workshops.

- 4. **Homework Support**: Every student in grades 1 to 4 has a school-issued planner that children can record their homework and assignments. Teachers provide time during lessons for students to begin their homework in class (i.e., pastoral care time). The school will also communicate the Homework Policy with parents so that they have realistic expectations.
- 5. **Student Learning Assessment (SLA):** Grade 3 students took part in the SLA diagnostic testing in October 2021. Teachers use these results for lesson planning, providing differentiation and intervention.
- 6. **Teacher Certification**: The School Leaders support newly-hired teachers to complete their certification requirements with Alberta Education.

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7. **Professional Development:** CAPCL has set aside funds for staff's professional development. Some staff have already applied for the funds to upgrade their teaching capacity or improve their pedagogy of early childhood literacy. There are Professional Learning and Planning Days throughout the school year. Some teachers and TAs had LEGO Training in September 2021 and first aid training in November 2021. The school will continue to look for suitable learning opportunities for staff.

## (VI) Stakeholder Engagement

The Annual Education Results Report AERR (2020-2021) is prepared through the following steps.

- 1. Draft by the School Leadership Team
- 2. Collection of inputs and feedback from teachers through working groups
- 3. Discussion with representatives of the Parent Support Group.
- 4. Discussion with an administrative subcommittee of the School Board
- 5. Presentation and clarification of the AERR (2020-2021) to the School Board
- 6. Consultation with Alberta Education
- 7. Final approval of the AERR (2020-2021) by the School Board
- 8. The AERR (2020-2021) is shared with various stakeholders of the school community and uploaded to the Provincial Education Directory.



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