



It is an exciting time for education as high schools around Alberta are engaged in [Moving Forward With High School Redesign](#) (MFWHSR). I encourage you to open the link to learn more. Schools are being assisted by Alberta Education in finding ways to increase student engagement, ensure high levels of achievement and support quality teaching. At Bev Facey we are currently looking at ways to redesign our school to be more responsive and student-centered.

Bev Facey was approved by Alberta Education to be a redesign high school in September. For over a year now our school has been exploring how we can be responsive to student needs in light of redesign. Possible areas of redesign are a modification of our timetable and providing different learning opportunities. While we look at this, a shift in mindset for all school stakeholders may be required. With this shift we want to improve personalization of learning, develop enhanced caring relationships, while ensuring we retain rigorous and relevant learning opportunities.

Within the [MFWHSR](#) website, three videos and articles are available for review which can help all stakeholders understand the outcomes associated with any redesign initiative. You may have heard that Bev Facey is moving towards a potential change. I want to let you know as we move forward with planning, school will start at the same time and students will have ample opportunity to experience success in all programs. We also want to empower students with choice on where to focus their time. The questions we are asking are centered around: providing extra help during the day, enriching the learning process and doing better at supporting student success through high school and beyond.

Our staff continue to gather information and best practices from schools around Alberta who have implemented a redesign initiative within the past 6 years. We are excited with the possibilities as we move to make a decision to implement our own redesign initiative. As such, we have planned an information sharing and question/answer session for you on December 11 at 6:30 in our school library. After we have your feedback we will make a decision on any changes that may be implemented for the start of our second semester.

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