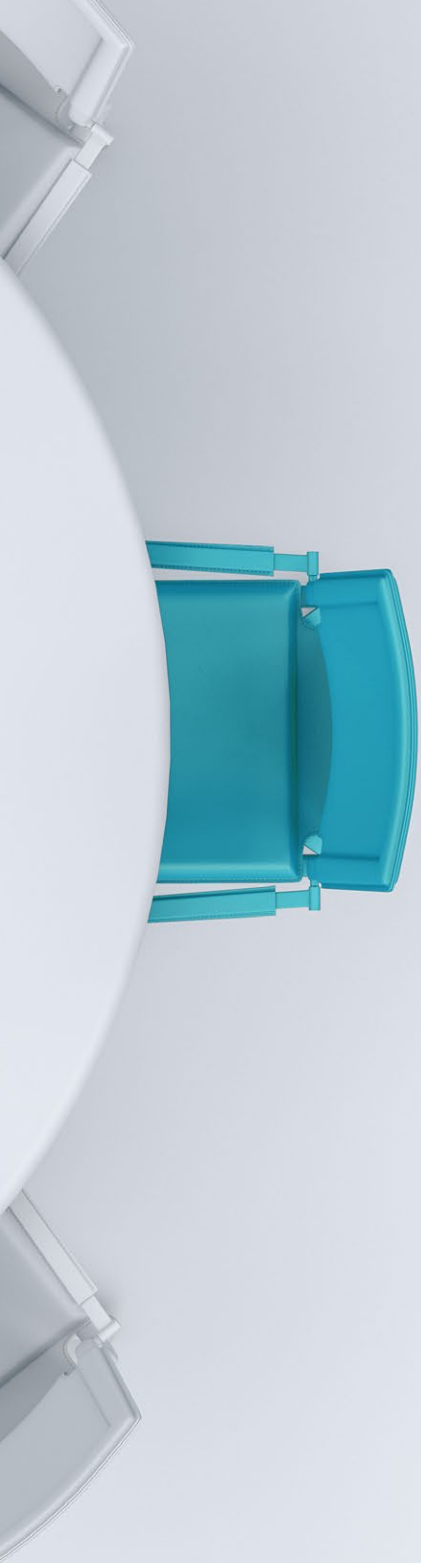


Focused Education Resources

We are a not-for-profit organization created to support excellence in K-12 education in British Columbia. Our role is to build capacity and advance education for school districts, independent and First Nations schools, other stakeholders and partners, and ultimately, students. We provide education resources, as well as procurement, privacy and technology services for our members.



Our Mission

Focused Education Resources supports excellence in K-12 education.

Our Vision

We will be a centre of expertise and pre-eminent provider of services and resources to the K-12 sector.

Our Values

Focused Education commits to serving the K-12 community with passion and purpose. This work is guided by our shared values:

FOCUS ON MEMBERS: we collaborate and act with respect

PROMOTE EQUITY: we seek balanced solutions that benefit our members

BE STRATEGIC: our resourcefulness, innovation and curiosity fuel our choices for growth and continuous improvement

DELIVER EXCELLENCE: we deliver evidence-based, quality services that add value

ACT WITH INTEGRITY: we earn trust by being competent, transparent and accountable

Chair & Executive Director Letter

Welcome to Focused Education Resources' first annual report. Our new not-for-profit builds on the fusion of the Education Resources Acquisition Consortium (ERAC) and BC Education Marketplace (BCEM), by creating an organization dedicated to supporting excellence in the K–12 system throughout BC. We are committed to providing education resources, privacy and technology services, and collaborative procurement services to school districts, as well as to independent and First Nations schools.

As anticipated, much of our first year was dedicated to laying the foundation to operate as a robust, member-focused organization. We set up our governance structure, developed operational policies and procedures, and worked to ensure the right team was in place to take Focused Education Resources into the future. At the same time, we have been committed to supporting our members without any interruption in the services they have come to expect.

The IT4K12 Conference in November 2019 hosted the largest number of attendees to date, and we have introduced a number of webinars to enhance ongoing learning. With our expanded procurement team, Focused Education Resources has been able to help school districts and schools achieve the time and financial benefits of shared purchasing of goods.

While we knew the needs of our members would change over time, the COVID-19 pandemic required a history-making pivot to online learning for K–12 students in March. To enable this, and with the support of our vendors, we made all of our BC Digital Classroom resources freely available to teachers throughout the province. In addition, with funding from the Ministry of Education, we negotiated Zoom licenses for

every school district, independent school and First Nations school in BC by the time spring break was over and learning resumed.

Just as schools and businesses have taken many of their services and supports online, we have also been adapting our in-person offerings for virtual access and have been evolving key in-person workshops to become online supports, available whenever members need them. To assist school districts in developing Local Education Agreements, we are creating a variety of tools and resources to be available on our website.

As COVID-19 continues to require constant adaptation from and for schools, Focused Education Resources looks towards our second year expecting the unexpected. Now more than ever, those delivering K–12 education are stronger together, and we will continue to explore new ways to support our members' work to provide excellent educational experiences for students.



*Mark Pearmain
Chair*



*Kelly Pollack
Executive Director*

What We Do



Procurement Services

- Strategic and collaborative procurement
- Access to a variety of supply and service agreements
- Online Yammer community to support and connect K-12
- Professional support on procurement issues



Education Services

- Provision of BC Digital Classroom's core collection
- Professional Learning Team-led workshops and webinars
- Continuous growth of the K-12 Evaluated Resource Collection



Information Privacy Services

- Privacy Impact Assessment templates
- Privacy reference guides



Professional Development Events

- IT4K12 Conference
- Due Diligence in the K-12 Context Workshop
- Building Your District's Toolkit Workshop
- Webinar series



Technology Services

- Webinars and support for IT professionals
- Technical support for BC Digital Classroom
- Microsoft license coordination and information dissemination
- Support for Zoom license implementation

Professional Development & Education Resources



IT4K12 keynote Amber Mac spoke on *Demystifying Artificial Intelligence: How Technology is Shaping the Next Generation?*

IT4K12 CONFERENCE 2019

Learning Together & Technology

Over two days in November, 279 educators and IT professionals from member and partner organizations across the province and the Yukon came together at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel for the largest IT4K12 ever. A variety of topical workshops were held, along with a vendor fair where 29 exhibitors showcased their latest innovations.

Presentations by 33 industry experts shared insights on:

- Artificial intelligence
- Microsoft Teams
- Coding in the classroom
- Cyber security & how to stay protected
- Next generation networks (NGN)
- Digital wellness





WORKSHOPS

A variety of in-person workshops and webinars were held throughout the year.

Popular workshop topics included:

Building Your District's Toolkit

88 educators learned how to connect curriculum and resources, such as the BC Digital Classroom collection.

Due Diligence in the K-12 Context

80 participants learned how to develop and strengthen privacy & security practices.



WEBINARS

Focused Education Resources held 23 webinars for educators this year, which remain available for viewing online. The year's most popular webinar was *The ABCs of the BC Digital Classroom – Intermediate Focus*.

BC DIGITAL CLASSROOM

In addition to workshops and webinars, we supported members in optimizing use of the BC Digital Classroom with on-demand technical support.

LOCAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS (LEAs) SUPPORT TOOLS

To assist school districts in conducting collaborative negotiations with local First Nations whose students attend their schools, the Ministry of Education engaged Focused Education Resources to develop a suite of tools, which will begin rolling-out in fall 2020. The tools include:

- Online First Nations resource library
- Video tutorial on LEA components and process
- Support document for crafting LEAs
- Village Workshop video series on cultural sensitivity



Zoom: Procurement at Lightning Speed

When COVID-19 required schools to rapidly shift to online learning in March, Focused Education Resources negotiated Zoom licenses to be available for all school districts, independent schools and First Nations schools in BC when remote learning launched after spring break. Funded by the Ministry of Education, this initiative provided districts and schools an option for their educators to be able to teach online.

To help schools learn the platform quickly, we coordinated onboarding support, a Yammer network and provided numerous demo and information resources on how to use and optimize Zoom for use by administration and staff, as well as teachers and students.

Privacy standards were top of mind in selecting Zoom as the videoconferencing provider. A new Privacy Impact Assessment template was developed to guide school districts and schools, which was made available as part of Focused Education Resources 172 Privacy & Security tools.



Zoom licenses supported remote learning in:

- 52 school districts
- 187 independent schools
- 57 First Nations schools



Privacy & Security

Focused Education Resources is continually adding to our suite of tools, which now include:

- 31 PIA templates
- 65 Checklists & guides
- 13 Consent resources
- 10 Privacy orders
- 20 Security resources

Member Listings



SCHOOL DISTRICT

Southeast Kootenay SD05
 Rocky Mountain SD06
 Kootenay Lake SD8
 Arrow Lake SD10
 Revelstoke SD19
 Kootenay–Columbia SD20
 Vernon SD22
 Central Okanagan SD23
 Cariboo–Chilcotin SD27
 Quesnel SD28
 Chilliwack SD33
 Abbotsford SD34
 Langley SD35
 Surrey SD36
 Delta SD37
 Richmond SD38
 Vancouver SD39
 New Westminster SD40
 Burnaby SD41
 Maple Ridge–Pitt Meadows SD42
 Coquitlam SD43
 North Vancouver SD44
 West Vancouver SD45
 Sunshine Coast SD46
 Powell River SD47
 Sea to Sky SD48
 Central Coast SD49
 Haida Gwaii SD50
 Boundary SD51
 Prince Rupert SD52
 Okanagan Similkameen SD53
 Bulkley Valley SD54
 Prince George SD57
 Nicola–Similkameen SD58
 Peace River South SD59
 Peace River North SD60
 Greater Victoria SD61
 Sooke SD62
 Saanich SD63
 Gulf Islands SD64
 Okanagan Skaha SD67
 Nanaimo–Ladysmith SD68
 Qualicum SD69
 Alberni SD70
 Comox Valley SD71
 Campbell River SD72
 Kamloops/Thompson SD73
 Gold Trail SD74
 Mission SD75
 Fraser–Cascade SD78
 Cowichan Valley SD79
 Fort Nelson SD81
 Coast Mountains SD82
 North Okanagan–Shuswap SD83
 Vancouver Island West SD84
 Vancouver Island North SD85
 Stikine SD87
 Nechako Lakes SD91
 Nisga'a SD92
 Conseil scolaire francophone SD93

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary
 Aspengrove School
 Assumption School
 Bella Bella Community School
 Bodwell High School
 Brentwood College
 British Columbia Christian Academy
 Brockton Preparatory School
 Brookes Westshore
 Campbell River Christian School
 Cascade Christian School

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

ASCEND Online Distributed Learning Prg.
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Sacred Heart Catholic School
 St Ann's Academy
 St Ann's School
 St James

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS VICTORIA DIOCESE (AKA ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS)

John Paul II Catholic School
 Queen of Angels School
 St Andrew's Regional High
 St Joseph's Catholic
 St Patrick's School

Choice School For Gifted Children
 Christ Church Cathedral School
 Collingwood School
 Credo Christian Schools
 Crofton House
 Dasmesh Punjabi School
 Fraser Academy

Fraser Valley Elementary
 Glenlyon Norfolk School
 Heritage Christian School/DL
 Holy Cross Regional High School
 Immaculata Regional High School
 John Calvin School
 Khalsa School
 King David High School
 KLEOS Open Learning (DL)
 Little Flower Academy
 Madrona School
 Maranatha Christian School
 Meadowridge School
 Mennonite Educational Institute
 Mulgrave School
 Notre Dame Regional Secondary
 Oak and Orca Bioregional School/DL
 Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Our Lady of Sorrows
 Pacific Academy
 Queen Margaret's
 Richmond Jewish Day School
 Royal Canadian College
 Sacred Heart
 Shawnigan Lake

SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS IN BC

Abbotsford Christian School
 Agassiz Christian School
 Bulkley Valley Christian Distributed Lrn
 Bulkley Valley Christian School
 Cedars Christian School

Centennial Christian School
 Concordia Lutheran School (Penticton)
 Delta Christian School
 Duncan Christian School
 Hope Lutheran Christian School
 Houston Christian School
 John Knox Christian School
 Kamloops Christian School
 Kelowna Christian School
 King's Christian School (Salmon Arm)
 The King's School (Langley)
 Kootenay Christian Academy
 Langley Christian Lighthouse Christian Academy
 Maple Ridge Christian School
 Mount Cheam Christian School
 Nanaimo Christian School
 Northside Christian School
 Pacific Christian School (Abbotsford)
 Pacific Christian School (Victoria)
 Penticton Christian School
 Powell River Christian School
 Richmond Christian School
 Surrey Christian
 Timothy Christian School
 Unity Christian School
 Valley Christian School/DL
 Vancouver Christian
 Vernon Christian School

West Coast Christian School
 White Rock Christian Academy
 Southpointe Academy
 Southridge School
 St Alcuin College for the Liberal Arts
 St Augustine's
 St Bernadette
 St Catherines School
 St George's School
 St Helen's
 St John Brebeuf Regional Secondary
 St John's School
 St Joseph Elementary School (Kelowna)
 St Margaret's
 St Mary's (Vancouver)
 St Mary's Catholic (Cranbrook)
 St Michaels University Junior/Middle/Senior
 St Paul School
 St Pius X Elementary School
 St Thomas Aquinas High School
 St Thomas More Collegiate
 Star of the Sea Catholic
 Stratford Hall
 Traditional Learning Academy/DL
 Urban Academy Junior
 Vancouver College
 Veritas Catholic
 West Point Grey Academy
 Westside Academy
 York House School

YUKON

Yukon–Department of Education



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Assistant Deputy Minister

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Ministry of Education,
Executive Director

* Joined June 2020

** To May 2020

Professional Learning Team

This team of skilled educators from around BC helps members get the most from the BC Digital Classroom, through in-person support and online webinars.

Mike Silverton

Cammy Coughlin

Leona Prince

Lisa Read

Cari Wilson



Advisory Committees

As a member-focused organization, Focused Education Resources is dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of our members. We are grateful for the guidance of our advisory committees, which include diverse representation and expertise from across the province.

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