

Improving Learning for Every Student
2009 Director's Annual Report

Algoma District School Board



Community, Culture, Caring

Providing positive, safe school and work environments and modelling good character that is conducive to learning and to fostering positive relationship with students, parents and the community.



(L-R) Director Mario Turco, Ted Nolan, Chief Lyle Sayers of Garden River First Nation and Darrel Boissoneau at send-off for Aboriginal Students on their way to leadership camp.

Aboriginal Initiatives

Ted Nolan Leadership Camp - The Ted Nolan Foundation partnered with Tim Hortons Children's Foundation in forming a leadership camp for our Aboriginal youth for the fall of 2009. Over 25 First Nation students from across the Board attended the Leadership camp from October 21st to 25th at Onondaga Farms located in St. George, Ontario. The students enjoyed many opportunities to share and learn from each other and to build their skills. Ted Nolan has received a commitment from Tim Hortons to hold this Leadership Camp over the next five years.

Aboriginal Education Committee - The Algoma District School Board and Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board supports the Ministry of Education's focus on Aboriginal students. With this focus, the Boards are committed to work with our Aboriginal partners to support our Aboriginal students. The Algoma District School Board and Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board have come together to form an Aboriginal Education Committee. The members include Aboriginal parents, elders, students and school board staff. The Committee works together to support the policy framework, implement the strategies and share in global discussions to improve student learning.



The Algoma Model Symposium was well attended by community partners, school Board and Ministry of Education representatives including Thomas Teahan (left) Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, and Barry Finlay (right) Director of Special Education Policy & Program branch.

The Algoma Model

This initiative continues to develop a framework that enhances local partnerships and builds collaborative working relationships between school boards, schools, and community service providers to better meet the needs of youth in our communities who are experiencing mental health issues.



White Pines receives its EatSmart! designation from Algoma Public Health. Left to right are: Principal Mark Zorzit, Superintendent Joe Maurice, Dr. Allan Northan AHU, Jennifer Sarlo ADSB Trustee, Vicki Pine, White Pines School Council Chair.

Project ABCD

Project Action for Building A Community That is Drug Free (ABCD) is a community-based initiative focused on reducing and/or eliminating drug use in our elementary and secondary schools. This initiative is strongly rooted in the education of students, parents and faculty on the dangers of drug use.

"Problems become opportunities when the right people join together."



Pictured left to right at Project ABCD Press Conference Chief Bob Davies SSM Police Service, Deputy Police Chief Claude Chum Anishinabek Police Service, Constable Alan Montgomery RCMP, ADSB Director Mario Turco, HSCDSB Director John Stadnyk, Dr. Paige Gordier LSSU and Principal Gisele Lamy CSCNO. (Missing from photo is Batchewana Police Service.)