



# Wheatland Elementary

COMBINED 3 YEAR EDUCATION PLAN AND AERR



## Lead with confidence

Wheatland Elementary School is located at 220 Brent Blvd in Strathmore Alberta. We are proudly part of the Golden Hills School Division. We are the school where **SPIRIT** rules! Wheatland Elementary offers our students an excellent opportunity to grow socially, academically, artistically and physically in an atmosphere that is positive, caring and often very exuberant and fun.



## Learn without limits

In addition to ensuring that our students are provided with the most outstanding opportunities in the areas of academics, technology, Fine Arts and Physical Education, Wheatland Elementary also focuses on four essential pillars which combine to make our school the best place to grow and learn:

**A Leader in Me School**

**Wheatland Montessori Program**

**STEAM Education**

**Math Minds Partnership**

## Love who you are

Wheatland Elementary has a school mission statement which was initiated by our own student leaders and encourages every member of our school family to...

**Lead with confidence**

**Learn without limits**

**Love who you are**

We are certain that with a collective effort on the part of parents, students, staff, and the community, we can ensure that this message rings true for all, and that Wheatland Elementary School will continue to be the school of choice for over 300 students and their families.

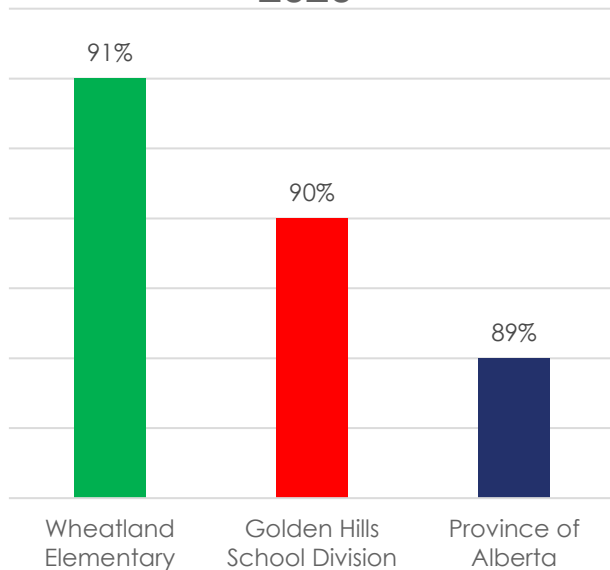


# Combined 2020 Accountability Pillar

As part of the accountability process, Wheatland Elementary reports our Accountability Pillar results to our community. Sharing the results with our community allows everyone to see how our school is performing, compared to Golden Hills School Division and the Province of Alberta. This reporting ensures that the entire education system is more open and accountable to all Albertans.

Measure Category	Measure	Wheatland Elementary School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	89.9	87.0	90.1	89.4	89.0	89.2	Very High
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	82.0	82.0	83.7	82.2	82.2	82.0	High
	Education Quality	95.4	91.9	95.3	90.2	90.1	90.1	Very High
Student Learning Achievement (K-6)	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	86.5	81.7	n/a	73.8	73.6	n/a
	PAT: Excellent	n/a	16.5	16.9	n/a	20.6	20.0	n/a
	Work Preparation	100.0	85.3	89.7	84.1	83.0	82.7	Very High
	Citizenship	88.2	84.2	89.0	83.3	82.9	83.2	Very High
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	67.8	75.0	82.9	81.8	81.3	81.2	Very Low
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	91.3	88.0	92.3	81.5	81.0	80.9	Very High

## Safe & Caring Schools 2020

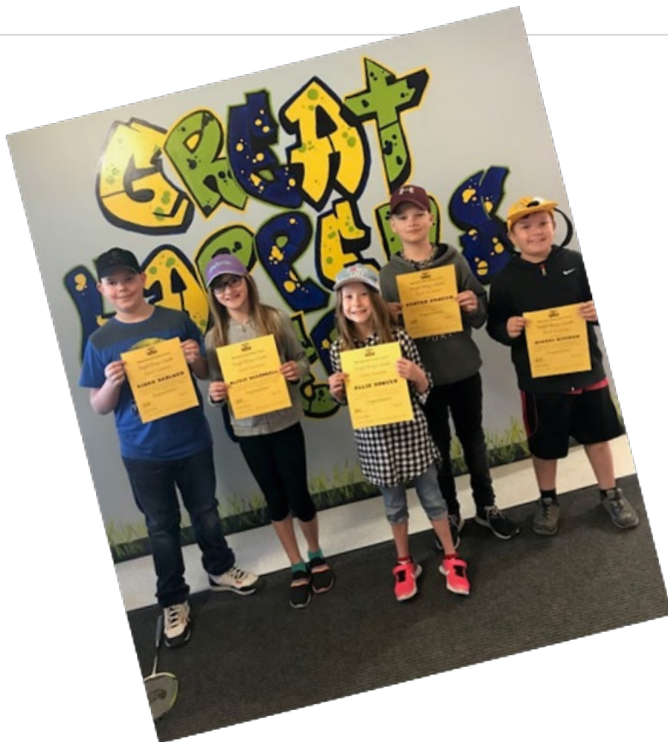
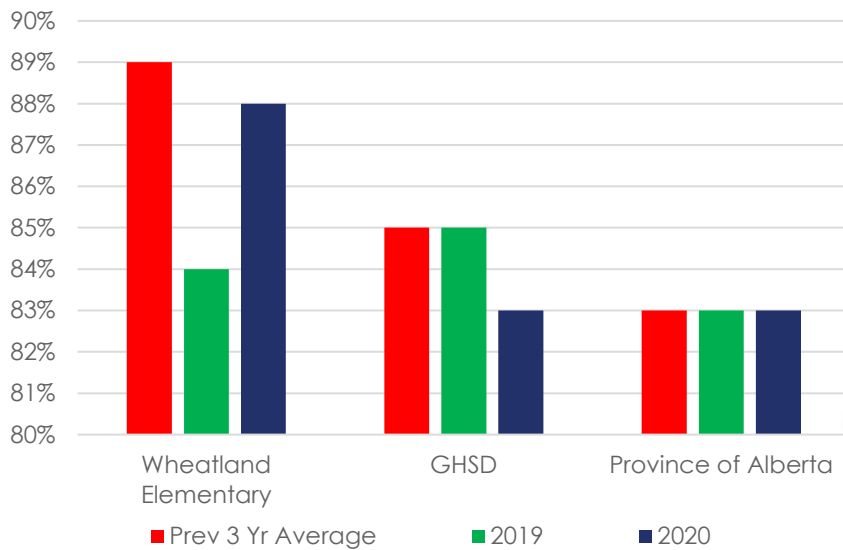


# Leader in Me School

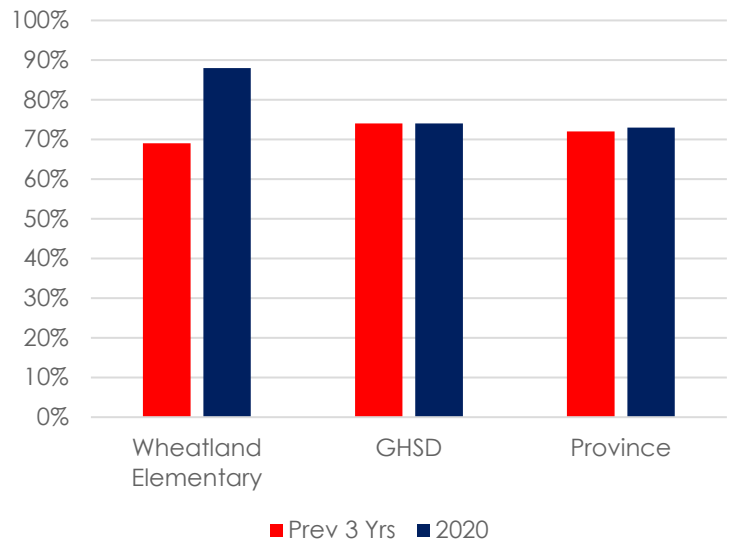
Wheatland Elementary is a Leader in Me School, which means that we collectively aspire to develop in our students personal leadership and 21st century life skills, such as goal setting, time management, teamwork, problem solving, respecting diversity, and life balance. We believe that by developing well-rounded children who know their strengths, we help them to unleash their potential. We encourage our parents and other community members to join with us in this endeavor.



## Citizenship Opportunities 2020



## Lifelong Learning 2020- Knowledge, Skills & Attitudes



# Wheatland Montessori Program

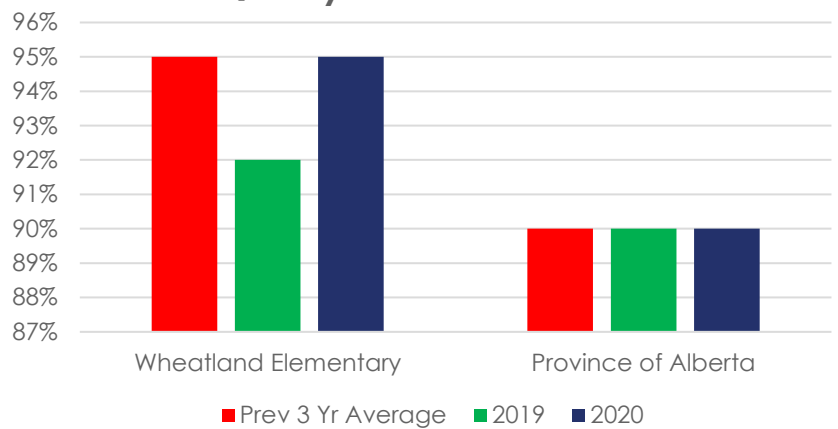
One of the amazing options we offer at Wheatland Elementary is our Montessori Program. We currently offer Montessori Programming at the Pre-K to Grade 3 Levels.

Montessori Education Philosophy:

- Hands-on learning and manipulatives.
- Structured learning environments designed to facilitate self-directed learning.
- Emphasis on intrinsic motivation and student choice of activities.
- Multi-age grouping, peer tutoring and cooperative learning.
- Self-correcting materials.
- A sensorial environment which reflects beauty, simplicity and order.
- A non-distracting environment.

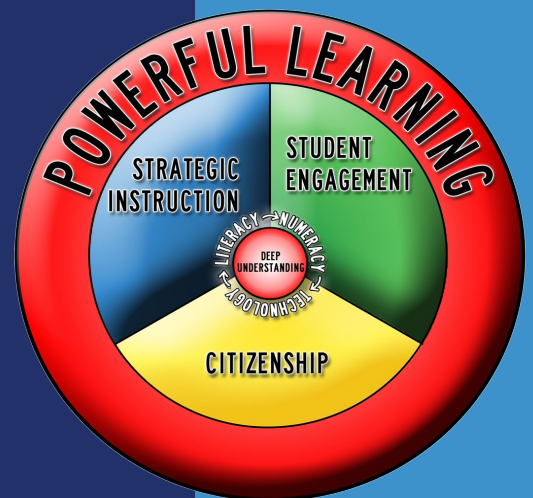


## Student Learning Opportunities: Quality Education 2020

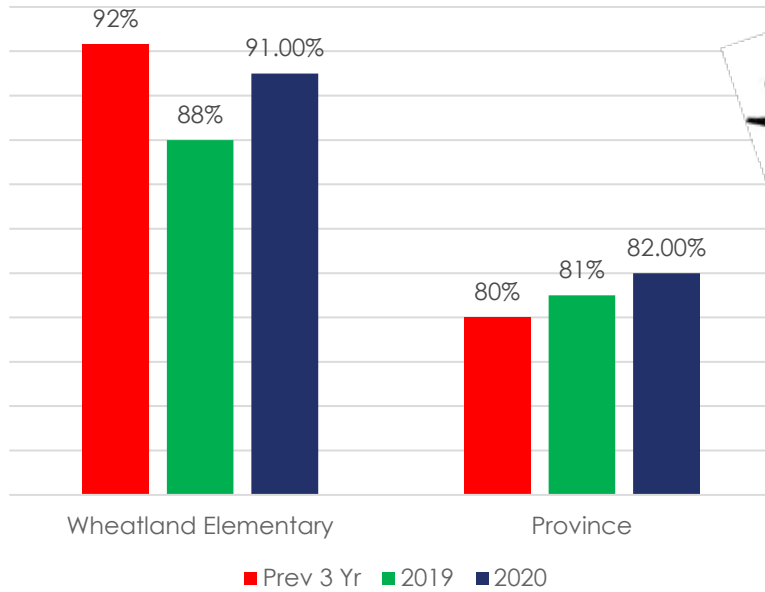


# STEAM Education

Wheatland Elementary has a clear strategy involving STEAM initiatives. We are developing critical thinkers, collaborators, creators, innovators, and contributors through a culture of integrated and connected Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.



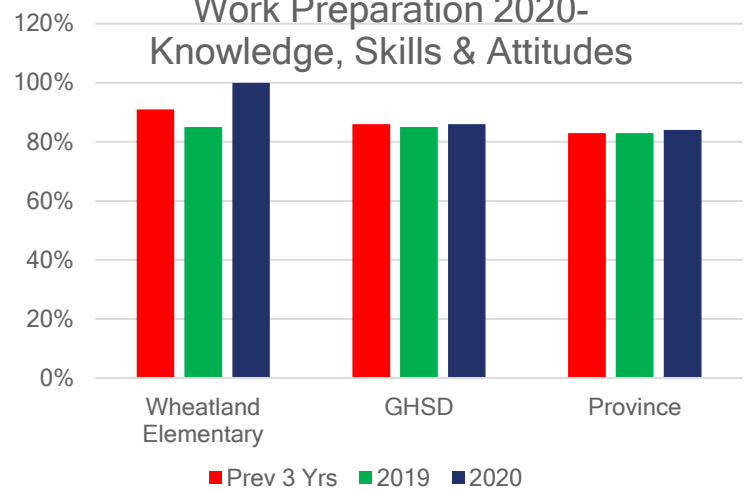
### School Improvement 2020



We're proud of our **continuous improvement** at Wheatland Elementary, and our **stakeholders** see it, too!

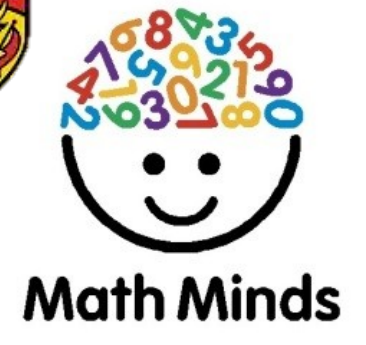


### Work Preparation 2020- Knowledge, Skills & Attitudes

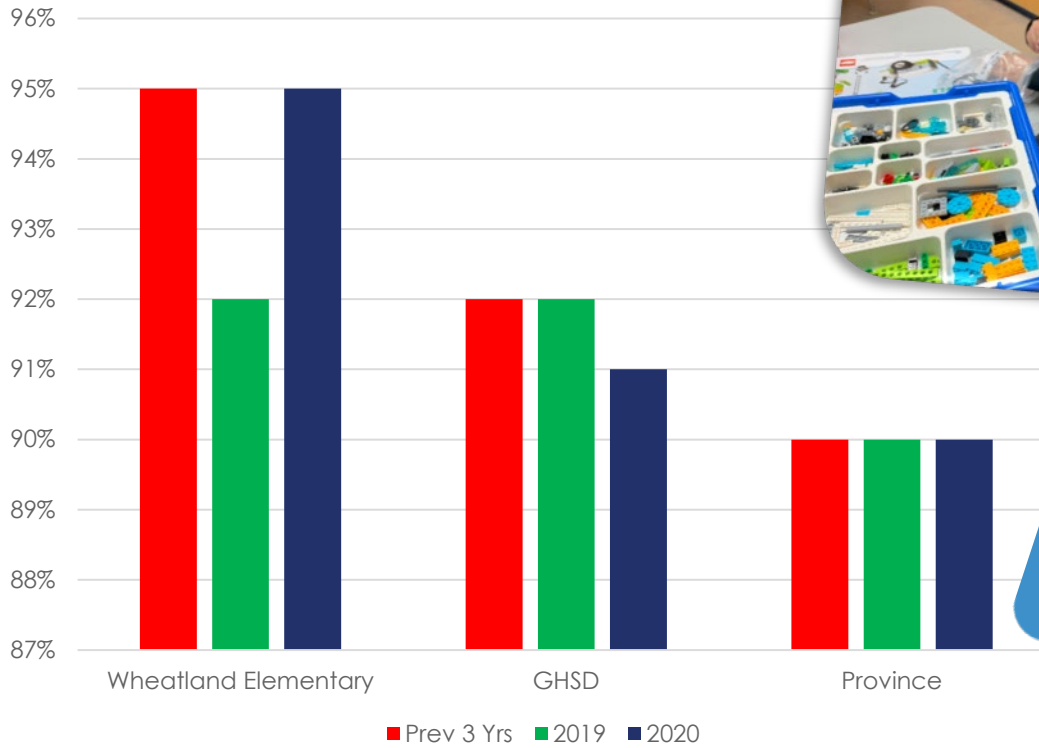


## Math Minds Partnership

Wheatland Elementary is pleased to be in the third year of partnering with the University of Calgary- Werklund School of Education, JUMP Math, Calgary Catholic School Division, and Suncor Energy Foundation. By being involved in this project, Wheatland Elementary endeavors to be a leader in strengthening numeracy in students, as well as being a key partner in the development of research on elementary math instruction and student learning. Through this process, our teachers will deepen their own understanding of numeracy and mathematics pedagogy.



### Education Quality 2020: Satisfaction with the Overall Quality of Education

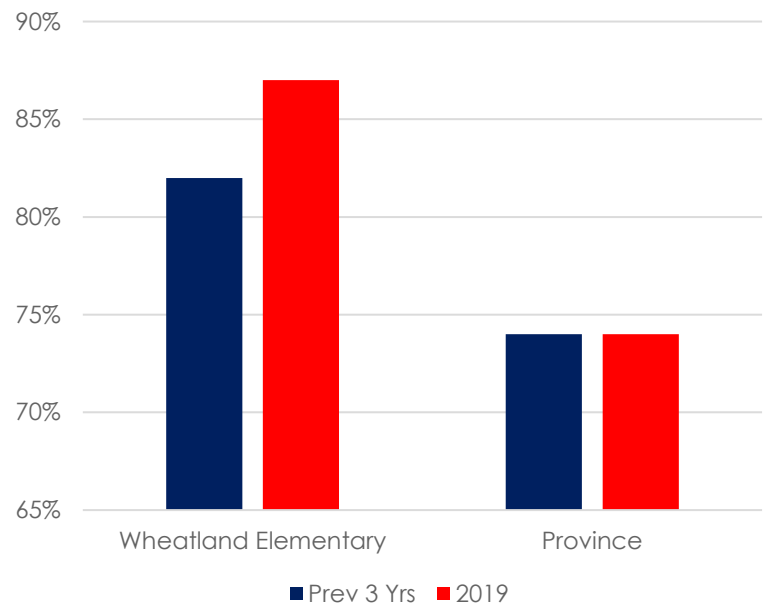


**WE ARE THRILLED!!**  
95% of our parents, teachers and students are satisfied with the quality of basic education at our school!



87% of our Gr 6 students achieved the acceptable standard on the Provincial Achievement Tests in 2019!

### Grade 6 PAT Overall Achievement Acceptable Standard



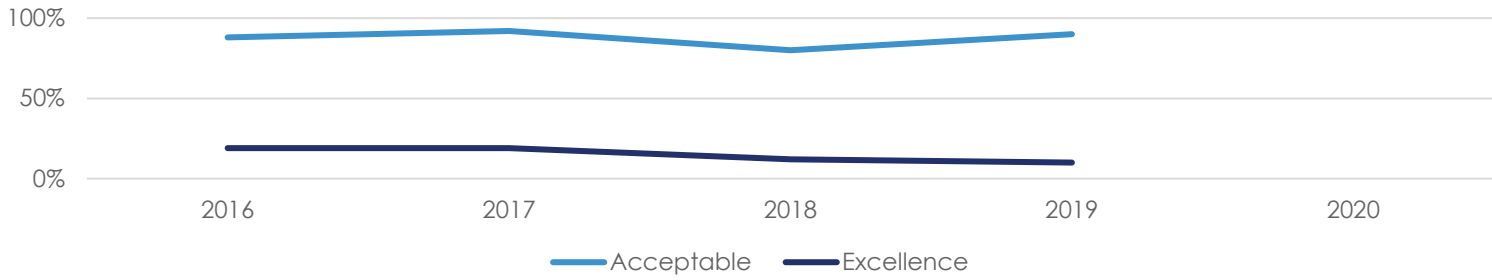
# PAT Gr 6 Results 2020

The purpose of the Provincial Achievement Testing program is to:

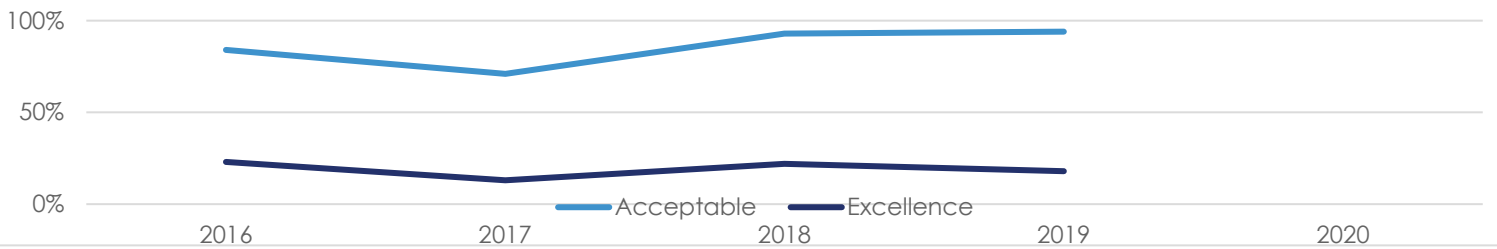
- Determine if students are learning what they are expected to learn.
- Report to Albertans how well students have achieved provincial standards at given points in their schooling.
- Assist schools, authorities, and the province in monitoring and improving student learning.

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic during the 2019-2020 year, students across Alberta did not write provincial achievement (PAT) exams in the spring of 2020.**

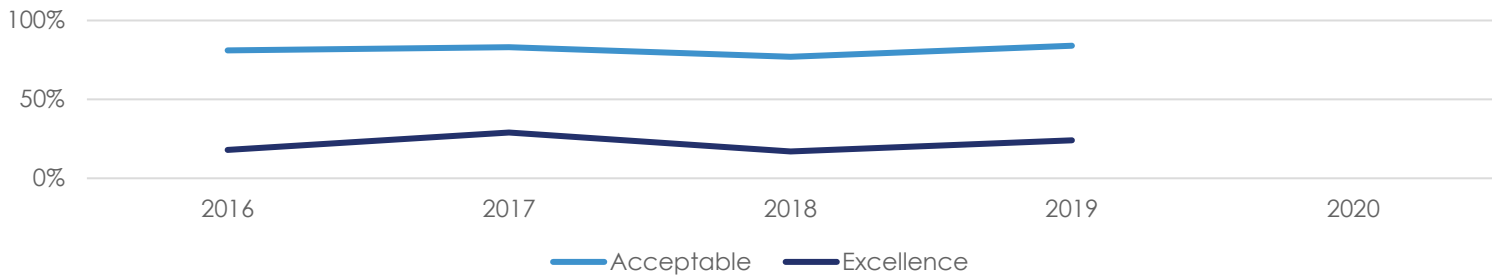
### English Language Arts 6



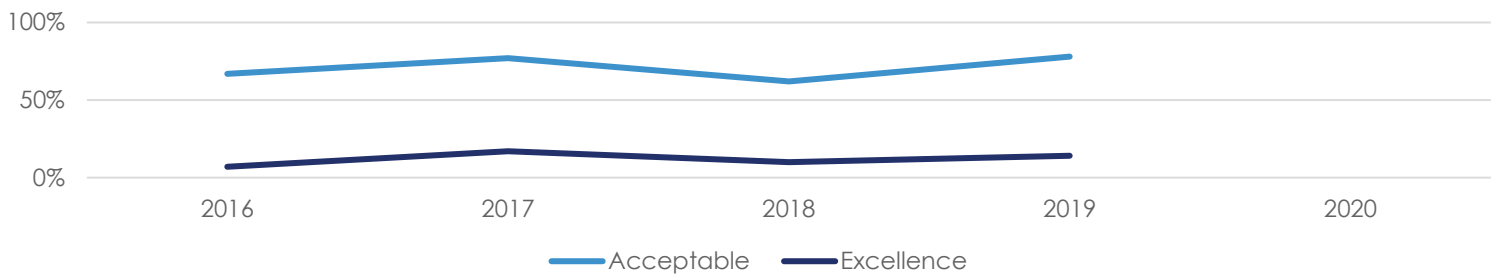
### Mathematics 6



### Science 6



### Social Studies 6



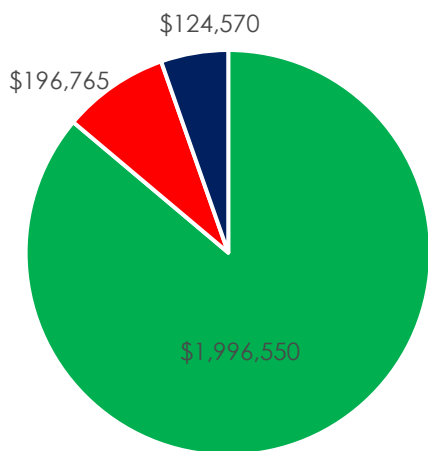
# School Budget Summary

A priority at Wheatland Elementary is to ensure we are being fiscally responsible by utilizing our budget in a student-centered way. This is reflected in the percentage of dollars going directly to students through staffing. We believe in carefully choosing how our dollars are spent and in choosing programming and resources to support student learning. Wheatland Elementary prioritizes inclusive education, and strives to make value-based, learner-centered decisions. Wheatland Elementary:

- Anticipates, values, and supports diversity and learner differences.
- Has high expectations for all learners.
- Understands learners' strengths and needs.
- Removes barriers within learning environments.
- Builds capacity for students, staff, and families.
- Collaborates for success with all stakeholders.



## Budgeted Operating Expenses 2020



- Certificated Staffing (86%)
- Non-Certificated Staffing (8%)
- Supplies & Services (6%)

## Facility and Capital

Wheatland Elementary was built in 1992 with unique and progressive design elements. The structural integrity of Wheatland- as with any ageing building- has required some support and maintenance over the years. We are currently looking into options to further secure the exterior of the building and structures to discourage access to the school roof and damage to the school property, during non-school hours. Wheatland Elementary school is running at full capacity, as we are currently using all available rooms and spaces for a variety of programming and supports. We currently have **332** students registered (301 K-6, 31 Pre-K).

## Wheatland School Council

We are lucky at Wheatland Elementary to have a supportive and invested School Council that works collaboratively with us to better meet the broad needs of our school (PreK-Gr 6). We meet monthly on the third Wednesday of every month, this year via Zoom. The School Council members volunteer their time to oversee our one primary fundraiser each year, while also supporting the major Casino fundraising every three years. Throughout the year, the council works with us by supporting our hot lunch program, volunteering for school events and activities, and investing dollars directly into initiatives that support the majority of students, including technology, fine arts, school activities, recognition events, and by generally having a very active and meaningful role daily in our school. This year, the Wheatland School Council purchased and installed 3 new Chromebook carts and 1 new iPad cart. We are very appreciative of their continued support.

