

# **Education Unlimited Academy (EUA)**

# **Annual Education Results Report**

Board Approved Effective Date (2023-11-30)

## **Accountability Statement**

The Annual Education Results Report for Education Unlimited Academy for the 2022/2023 school year was prepared under the direction of the Board of Directors in accordance with its responsibilities under the Private Schools Regulation and the Education Grants Regulation. 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.

## **Education Unlimited Academy Mission**

The purpose of Education Unlimited Academy (EUA) is to empower parents to exercise their responsibility for the education of their children.

EUA enables parents to home educate by helping them to understand the requirements of provincial regulations and their own rights as home educators, while at the same time greatly simplifying the required paperwork for registration and funding.

EUA equips parents by providing them with the knowledge and tools necessary to lead their children to responsible adulthood.

EUA encourages parental authority in home education by promoting the foundational principles for educating children within the family created by God, and by reminding parents that these principles do not change with time.

With this in mind, EUA's first year of operation was a success. Hundreds of families were able to educate their children at home. EUA will continue following this path which has provided so many children with the best possible educational opportunities for them.

## **Stakeholder Engagement**

EUA's facilitators visited each family twice during the year. They also phoned their families mid-year to make sure everything was going well.

Sometimes the families initiated contact themselves through phone calls or emails. In other words, there was ongoing feedback throughout the school year.

With such continual communication with key stakeholders, EUA always has its finger on the pulse of the community it serves. This ensures that the families' needs are being met and any concerns are addressed right away. Our main "performance measure" is the satisfaction of parents with the education of their children, and by this measure EUA is an undoubted success.

EUA can report on its success in each of the key Assurance Domains.

### **Domain: Student Growth & Achievement**

During the twice-annual facilitator visits, parents indicated they were glad to be home educating their children. Providing for the unique educational needs of each child was the top priority. In such an environment, it is only natural that children will progress in their learning, especially in the subjects where students have particular aptitudes and interests. Student growth and achievement is an ongoing process.

## **Domain: Teaching & Leading**

EUA successfully encouraged parents to take educational responsibility for their children. First-time home educators learned the basics of home education and the joy of having their children with them throughout the day. More experienced home educators could see continued growth in their children as they worked through their learning material. Whether first-time or veteran home educators, parents developed their teaching and leading skills as they guided their children in learning.

## **Domain: Learning Supports**

EUA staff assisted parents in finding the best educational materials for their children. There is so much home education curriculum and other learning material available that some parents feel overwhelmed. As EUA staff are themselves experienced home educators, they know what kinds of

resources to recommend for children at different stages and with different aptitudes and interests. Because of this, families were able to obtain the learning supports they needed.

#### **Domain: Governance**

EUA began operation in 2022, and although the staff were already experienced educators, some had to grow into new roles consistent with operating a virtual school. As well, the board was new and had to become familiar with each other and with working together to oversee the school's activities. Each of the staff as well as the board members became more experienced in their roles over the course of the year, so in this sense, progress was clearly made in the area of governance.

#### **Domain: Local & Societal Context**

Within the Alberta home education community and the greater provincial educational world, EUA continued to provide leadership as a groundbreaking virtual school. EUA is pioneering a new way of providing school services to families throughout the province who want to ensure their children have the opportunity to learn in the best possible educational environment for them. As EUA's virtual school model continues to develop and succeed, other schools will likely want to emulate its achievements.

#### Whistleblower Protection

As the Funding Manual for School Authorities 2022/23 School Year states, Section 32 of the Public Interest Disclosure Act (2013) requires that school authorities include their annual report of disclosures in their AERR. There are no such incidents to report for EUA's 2022/2023 school year.