



Opening Possibilities

Seven Oaks School Division
Report to Community 2014/2015



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
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Growth has always played a big role in our development and I'm proud to Chair a Board of Trustees that is able to steer that growth.

This year Seven Oaks School Division sees the opening of three new school spaces – the new Maples Commons, Amber Trails Community School, and the MET school, all of which are opening doors for our expanding community. (We will soon grow to more than 11,000 students!)

The Maples Commons serves as an open-air theatre, performance and assembly space and also provides students an area to spend breaks, spares and lunch. It's bringing kids together and will continue to be a meeting place for years to come.

Amber Trails is truly a school of the future with state-of-the-art technologies, abundant natural light and spaces designed to enhance learning experiences and community use.



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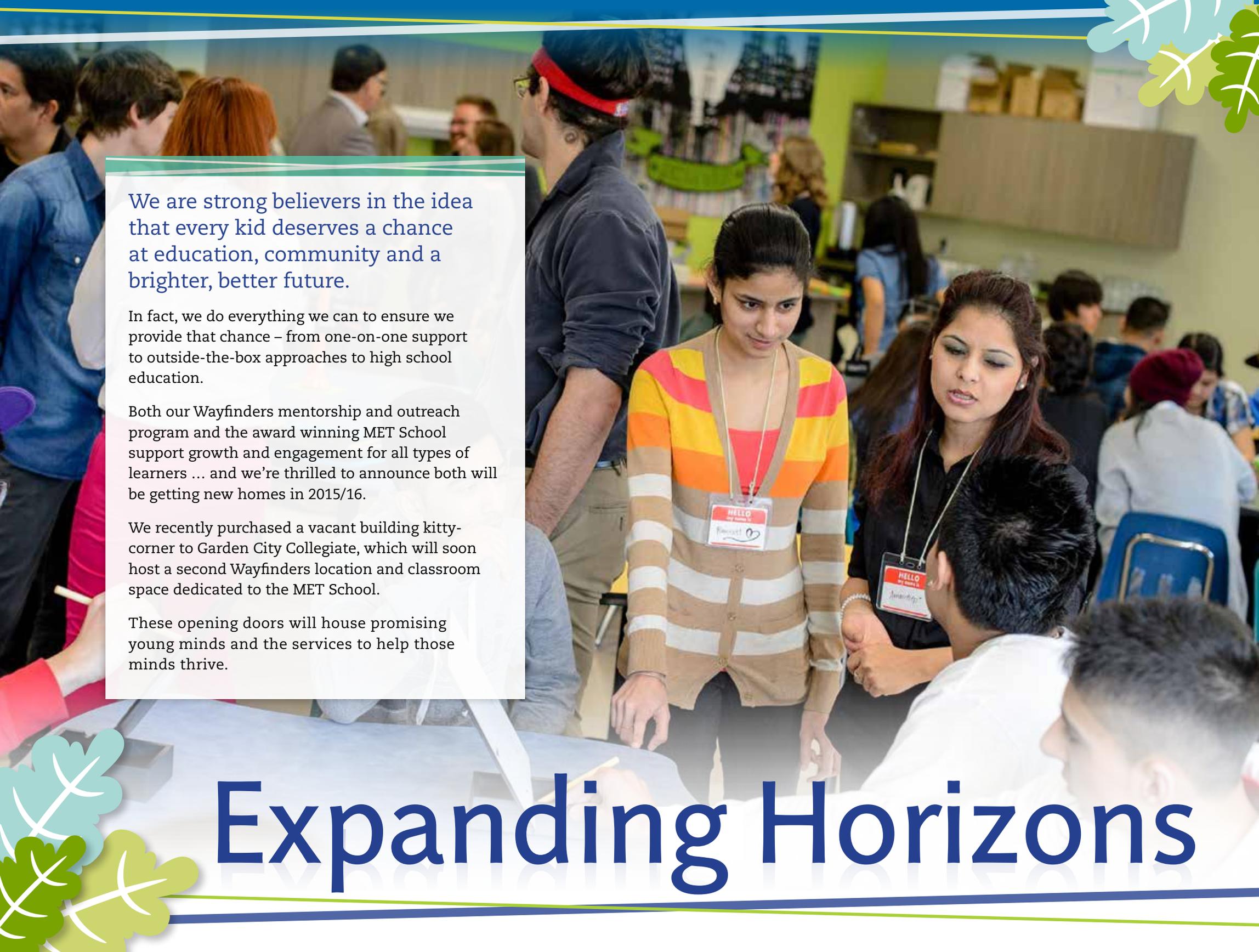
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The best part? This is only the beginning. The next phase of Seven Oaks' growth – construction on the K-5 Immersion École Rivière-Rouge has started and will soon bring the number of classroom spaces added to 1,000 since 2013.

RF Morrison will get a four classroom addition. Garden City Collegiate will get modern shop facilities, Maples Collegiate science labs are being upgraded and Elwick Community School is being upgraded to make it accessible.

We truly are opening possibilities towards our ultimate goal of maximizing students' potential and creating global citizens. As the great educational philosopher, Maxine Greene, once said: "I am what I am not yet". As a division, Seven Oaks continues to empower children and engage students to search for meaning in safe caring environments.

Claudia Sarbit, Chair



We are strong believers in the idea that every kid deserves a chance at education, community and a brighter, better future.

In fact, we do everything we can to ensure we provide that chance – from one-on-one support to outside-the-box approaches to high school education.

Both our Wayfinders mentorship and outreach program and the award winning MET School support growth and engagement for all types of learners ... and we're thrilled to announce both will be getting new homes in 2015/16.

We recently purchased a vacant building kitty-corner to Garden City Collegiate, which will soon host a second Wayfinders location and classroom space dedicated to the MET School.

These opening doors will house promising young minds and the services to help those minds thrive.

Expanding Horizons



Did you know two of every three Seven Oaks graduates continue their education after graduation?

We'd like to think that has something to do with the boundless opportunities our high school students receive to prepare for post-secondary education before even donning their cap and gown.

Our Beyond Grade 12 Now! program (formerly First Year University Now) offers university and college classes right inside our high schools – all within the regular timetable and at no cost.

Course selection is designed to jumpstart the journey towards a career

and includes offerings from Red River College, Université de Saint-Boniface, University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg in subject areas from English and Math to Plumbing and Early Childhood Education.

That means Seven Oaks students can graduate with a handful of postsecondary course credits and beyond-high-school experiences already in-hand and can move onto university or college with the tools to succeed and go beyond Grade 12... now.

Accelerating Futures



Seven Oaks wants each and every child to get a strong start in school.

Caregivers, parents and their children participate in our preschool literacy programs almost from birth.

We partner with neighbourhood daycare providers and offer active play based learning in our Kindergarten classrooms.

Early years teachers stress literacy and numeracy. Small class sizes help us know every child well and ensure that they all gain the skills they need to be successful in school and in life.

Smart people get their start as inquisitive kids... and we're proud to start strong with play, exploration and skills development.

Starting Strong



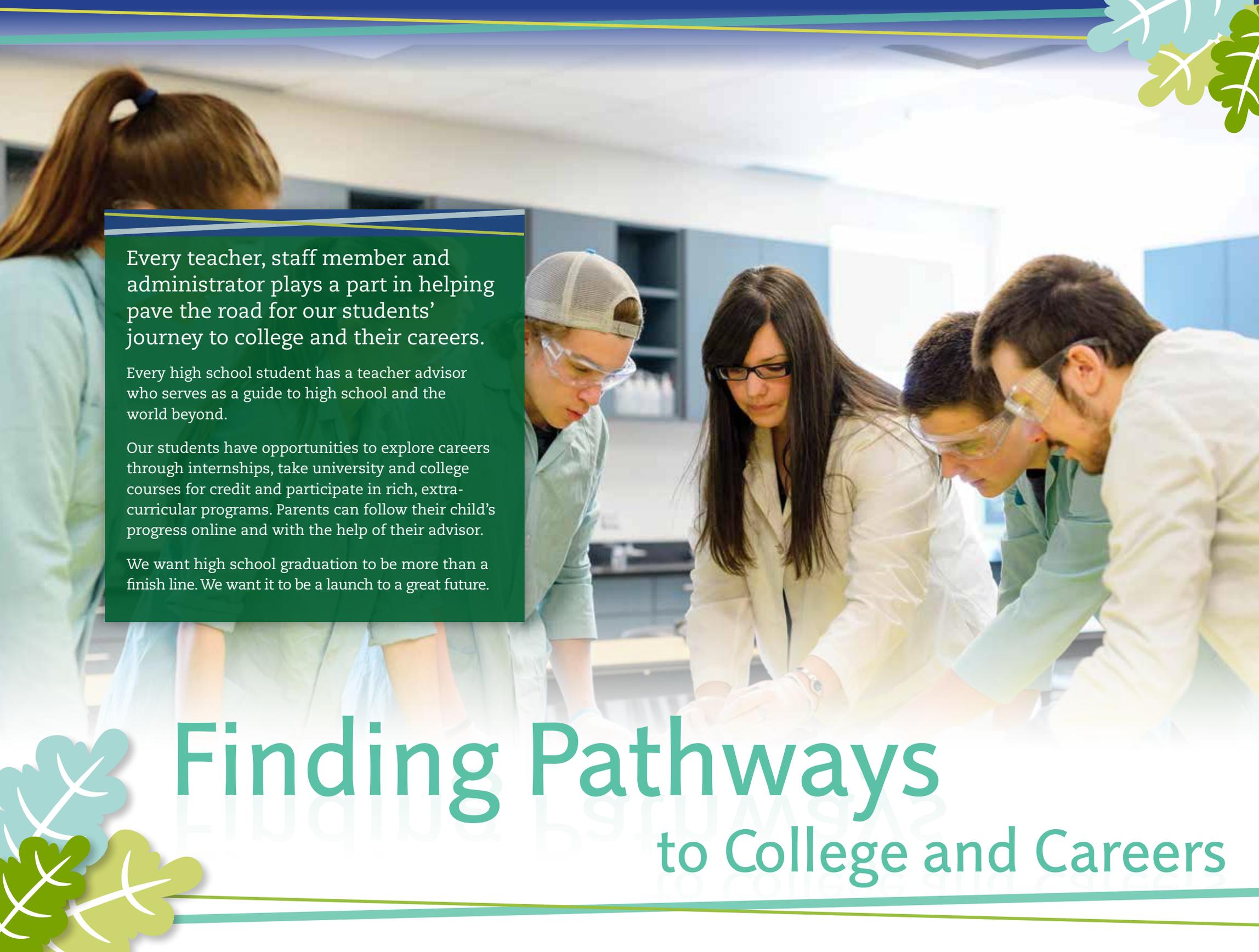
Our middle school classrooms are a lot like our early years classrooms... small class sizes and staff who know their children well.

Middle years is a time to try new things - and we are all about helping kids explore their potential.

Seven Oaks students all have the opportunity to learn an instrument, participate in individual and team sports, cook, go camping, work with their hands, explore drama and the arts, volunteer for a cause and much more.

By exploring possibilities and sampling all that school and extracurricular activities have to offer, our kids discover the world and themselves.

Exploring Potential



Every teacher, staff member and administrator plays a part in helping pave the road for our students' journey to college and their careers.

Every high school student has a teacher advisor who serves as a guide to high school and the world beyond.

Our students have opportunities to explore careers through internships, take university and college courses for credit and participate in rich, extra-curricular programs. Parents can follow their child's progress online and with the help of their advisor.

We want high school graduation to be more than a finish line. We want it to be a launch to a great future.

Finding Pathways to College and Careers

Amber Trails School
1575 Templeton Avenue
204-697-5965

Arthur E. Wright Community School
1520 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6314

École Belmont School
525 Belmont Avenue
204-338-7893

Collicutt School
75 Cottingham Street
204-338-7937

École Constable Edward Finney School
25 Anglia Avenue
204-694-8688

Edmund Partridge Community School
1874 Main Street
204-339-9889

Elwick Community School
30 Maberley Road
204-633-5641

Forest Park School
130 Forest Park Drive
204-338-9341

Garden City Collegiate
711 Jefferson Avenue
204-339-2058

Governor Semple School
150 Hartford Avenue
204-339-7112

H.C. Avery Middle School
10 Marigold Bay
204-334-4391

École James Nisbet Community School
70 Doubleday Drive
204-633-8870

École Leila North Community School
20 Allan Blye Drive
204-694-8071

Maples Collegiate
1330 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Margaret Park School
385 Cork Avenue
204-338-9384

O.V. Jewitt Community School
66 Neville Street
204-633-1714

R.F. Morrison School
25 Morrison Street
204-338-7804

École Riverbend Community School
123 Red River Boulevard W
204-334-8417

École Seven Oaks Middle School
800 Salter Street
204-586-0327

Victory School
395 Jefferson Avenue
204-586-9716

West Kildonan Collegiate
101 Ridgecrest Avenue
204-339-6959

West St. Paul School
3740 Main Street
204-339-1964

Seven Oaks School Division MET School
711 Jefferson Avenue
204-336-5050

Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre
950 Jefferson Ave.
204-632-1716



Us, at a glance:

- 24 schools with plans to open two more in the next five years
- 11,000 students with an estimated growth to 11,550 by 2016
- 1,311 staff positions increasing by 37 positions next year
- To accommodate this growth, our budget will increase by 4.6% in 2015-16 – that breaks down to 2% operating costs and 2.6% for increasing enrollment and the opening of new schools.
- Seven Oaks School Division received a 3.6% increase in provincial funding
- Community members will see a 4.7% increase on their property taxes (approximately \$85.42 on a house valued at \$270,400)

Our 2015-16 budget will:

- Maintain low class sizes
- Keep our programs strong and intact
- Open a new school
- Extend no cost musical instruments to Grade 9
- Keep costs to parents down
- Expand breakfast programs
- Provide a new facility for the MET School

Seven Oaks by the Numbers

Rebecca Chartrand - winner of the 2014 National Indspire Indigenous Educators Award for Innovative Practices.



Our staff is award winning and groundbreaking.

We go the extra mile to ensure our students spend their days with passionate, dedicated people. Want to be one of them?

It starts with us



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