



Dear Maples Met Community,

This was a year like no other.

We celebrated the remarkable achievements of students from start to finish. From multiple scholarships valued at over \$20,000, and outstanding project awards for dedication to community causes, to a provincial gold medal and national silver gold medal in the science fair, the publication of a book that raised nearly \$5000.00 for a local not-for-profit, and countless other successes in between, Maples Met School students and staff did not let the obstacles they faced get in the way of quality learning this year.

We continued as a staff to delve deeply into reflective dialogue about our pedagogy and philosophy as a Big Picture School. We committed to developing an online learning portfolio that will serve as a Met 101 hub for all those hoping to learn more about the work we do, and in addition, plan for every student to have an online learning portfolio that is an ongoing component of their learning throughout the year, documenting project and internship progress, along with self growth and discovery.

We spent time this year reading, writing, and talking about the atrocities of our past as a country, and through project work, advisory discussions, and staff PDs, renewed our commitment to truth and reconciliation. We hope to capitalize on loosened restrictions and again welcome more elders and member of the community into our space to help us through this challenging but critically important work.

Despite the adaptations and pivoting that was required frequently throughout the year, the Maples Met spirit of collaboration, hard work, determination, and community was on full display. As always, we would like to thank our mentors for their significant contributions to the learning of our students. We would like to thank families for patience and understanding as we battled through.

Some of our key goals for next year include furthering the degree to which we collaborate both at grade level and across the school. We recognize it will take time to transition back to the pace and environments we were used to prior to this disruption, and we will approach the year as always do, one student at a time.

Maples Met would like to thanks Jesse, Kevin, Bonnie, Will and Gurveer for all of their hard work. Although they will not be returning to Met next year, they have left a legacy that will be felt for years to come. We welcome Navdeep, Janna, Joel, Christine, and Teresa to the team!

If you have any questions about Maples Met School, we welcome them anytime, and encourage you to reach out and learn more about the ways in which we are approaching learning, *one student at a time.*

Sincerely,

Ben Carr
Principal, Maples Met School
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