Conclusion

The Pandemic Learning Forum was an opportunity for reflection and candid information sharing, as well as a forum for brainstorming solutions to inform future planning. Participants valued the day of sharing and learning with and from one another.

Participants shared views on relationship building, mental health and well-being, technology, funding structures, equity, communication, evidence-based decision-making, holistic approaches, and staff training and capacity. The lessons learned and the themes that emerged during the Forum, along with the learnings and recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General's report on Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education and leadership during the pandemic, are vital in informing future planning to continue building and strengthening our education system and provide students the tools they need to live The Good Life and reach their full potential, no matter what changes society will experience in the future.

Many thanks to Dr. Brent Roussin, Dr. Jazz Atwal, Dr. Carol Kurbis, and the entire public heath team for all they have done to ensure that learning continued throughout the pandemic and for sharing the importance of building upon learnings and relationships to ensure high-quality learning as well as mental health, well-being, and engagement.

The department also thanks the participants for their engagement and candor. It was clear from the session that there is a desire to strengthen collaboration and planning. This is critical as we achieve our shared vision that "All students succeed no matter where they live, their background, or their individual circumstances."