

Chinook's Edge welcomes new treasurer - Nadeem Altaf



Chinook's Edge is pleased to welcome Nadeem Altaf as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. Altaf joined Chinook's Edge late in the spring of 2023, coming from Buffalo Trail Public Schools in Wainwright, Alberta.

"Nadeem has a proven track record where he has demonstrated that he has a high level of skill in his field of accounting," said Kurt Sacher, Superintendent, Chinook's Edge School Division.

"Nadeem's interpersonal skills are very much appreciated and he adds to it all with a significant background in solving complex problems using technology. Nadeem was very successful as the Corporate Secretary for Buffalo Trail Public Schools. In addition to significant experience overseeing finance and payroll, Nadeem has a diverse background in supporting the work in areas such as facilities and maintenance, transportation and technology. His leadership is well respected and we look forward to working with him," said Sacher.

Photo right: Chinook's Edge Board Chair Holly Bilton welcomes Nadeem Altaf

"I am grateful and feel enthusiastic about joining the Chinook's Edge team," said Nadeem Altaf. "I believe in the power of education and the critical role that school boards play in shaping the future of our communities. After researching Chinook's Edge and learning about its commitment to providing high-quality education and support to students, I was deeply impressed. It's an honor to be entrusted with the financial stewardship of an organization dedicated to providing quality education to our students."

Nadeem sees four priorities in his work over the next few years:

- **Ensuring long-term financial sustainability**, including developing and implementing financial strategies that align with the goals of Chinook's Edge and that maintain fiscal responsibility
- **Effective budget management** - optimizing budgeting processes with prudent allocation of resources and transparent reporting and communication with stakeholders
- **Data driven decision making** - to provide timely and accurate financial information to stakeholders
- **Resource allocation** through collaboration with educational leaders to ensure resources are used to achieve the division's educational priorities.

Nadeem said, "I am committed to open communication and collaboration. There is power in collaboration, and financial success is a collective effort. Also, I believe that financial transparency is essential in building trust and confidence among our staff, parents, and the wider community."



Welcome back to school!

September 5 marked the first day back to school for about 11,000 Chinook's Edge students, and the many staff members who serve them. We are excited for a new school year!

The Central Office Leadership Team was out in our schools in Olds this year to welcome staff and students (pictured right).

At École Olds High School, Superintendent Kurt Sacher encouraged students to find their own dream and go after it - and to have an amazing year!



Summer time fun!



More than 500 Chinook's Edge students participated in summer camps recently - free of charge - thanks to the YES program.

With camps names such as "Make-a-Mess-Madness", "Summer Fun Camp," "The Challenger", and "Arts and Crafts" - the camps were bound to be incredibly fun!

The camps are run by the division's YES (Youth Empowerment & Support) Program, with support of Alberta Health Services, in multiple Chinook's Edge communities (including in Innisfail - as pictured on this page). The purpose of the YES program is to build resiliency in students so they stay in school and succeed.

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Chinook's Edge plans to run the program again next summer. If you know a student who would benefit, please refer them to your school's YES Success Coach!

