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Grand Erie Releases Second Video Highlighting Equity Focus of Multi-Year Plan

Brantford Ont. – Throughout the 2018-19 school year, Grand Erie District School Board is showcasing what its Multi-Year Plan means through a four-part video series focused on Equity, a key pillar of the Board’s strategic plan. The videos tell the stories of four Grand Erie students who have overcome adversity and challenges to achieve success.

The second video in the series features Nour and Khaled Aldakak, who settled with their two children in Brantford from Syria. They credit their successful transition into Canadian life to the support they received from staff at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School as well as the Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) team.

Find Nour and Khaled’s story here: <https://bit.ly/2ItW9XJ>.

“Equity is a part of everything we do at Grand Erie,” said Brenda Blancher, Director of Education. “From the supports we provide to students and staff, to the events and activities we honour and celebrate, equity is, and continues to be, our guiding force.”

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work the school board is doing. At the centre of this plan is the goal of *Success for Every Student*. Equity is one of six indicators in the Multi-Year Plan. Other indicators include: Achievement, Well-Being, Community, Environment and Technology.

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