



**MISA PNC Thunder Bay Region
2017-2018 Action Research Project Final Reporting**

As referenced in the MISA PNC Plan, Priority Funding Area 2, Research and Evaluation

Each project team will submit a final report in the form of an abstract. Each abstract will be presented to the MISA Leaders and posted to the PNC website as a reference to all member boards. Poster or electronic presentations will be presented at the 2017-2018 NOEL Leadership Conference and / or to NOEL Directors during the 2017-2018 school year. Other opportunities to share learning will be explored with Lakehead University and other MISA PNCs.

Final Report Due May 30, 2018

Please submit to Colleen Kappel, MISA Executive Lead via email
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Upon receipt of the final report, the remaining 25% (\$2,500) of funds will be dispersed.



**MISA PNC ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT FINAL FUNDING REPORT
2018**

DUE DATE: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Board:	Superior North Catholic District School Board
Topic:	Strength Based Approach to Learning
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What did you learn?

We have learned that when a school community places emphasis on students' strengths the students have an opportunity to thrive and be successful. Students become more engaged in their learning and in their school community as they feel they matter.

Using Dr. Rawana's Strengths Assessments Inventory (SAi) and exploring the following domains: home, school, friends, self-knowledge, physical care, community involvement, faith and culture, and goals and dreams we were able to establish a common language for students, staff and parents recognizing that we are truly celebrating every student and their uniqueness to the world.

Staff are able to start all conversations with all stake holders from a strength-base stance instead of a deficit. This established and maintained a consistent line of communication and positive relationships. This project helped develop emotional and cognitive engagement and build trust.

What will you do next time?

We will continue to build on the strengths that were already identified by our students. We will also help our students to develop other strengths by providing them with opportunities for growth and learning.

What are your recommendations?

We recommend to continue using a research based project to inform our planning and implementation of programs and/or initiatives. We will continue supporting and working with the two schools that have already implemented Dr. Rawana's Strength –Based

approach. Moving forward we will be implementing this approach at another school.

Total Dollars Allocated: \$ 10,000.00

Activity Description	Expenditures
Resources for the schools	1,243.08
Dr. Rawana's sessions, release time, travel etc. at OLOL and OLOF	8,757.00
Total	10,000.00

Submitted by: Rima Mounayer

Date: May 30th, 2018