**OVERVIEW:**

Explore Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from your classroom!

During the 2021/2022 school year, Sister Cities of Nashville has the opportunity to virtually connect 25 Nashville classrooms with 25 Edmonton classrooms in a project aimed toward better understanding each others’ cities and communities. Classrooms will be paired with a similar grade/age level classroom from Nashville’s Sister City of Edmonton. Students and teachers will be encouraged to participate in a virtual call with their assigned classroom at least once a month to exchange ideas, culture, and discuss what life is like in each city. Together, the classrooms will explore 10 different civic-related topics over the course of the school year, including subjects such as city landmarks, history, major industries, public transportation, homelessness/poverty, parks and recreation, environment/climate, and more.

- **Program Dates:** **August 2021 - May 2022** (30 minutes once a month)
- **Contact:** [claire@scnashville.org](mailto:claire@scnashville.org)
- **Eligible grade levels:** 1st grade through 6th grade

**EXPECTATION:**

A commitment from teachers/classrooms to complete the 10-month program by meeting virtually for 30 minutes once a month to discuss each topic with their paired Edmonton classroom. Once paired, the teachers and classrooms will designate the best meeting times and the best meeting platform.

**PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:**

- City of Edmonton's City Hall School
- Sister Cities of Nashville

**IMPACT:**

Students who participate in our programs increase their global awareness; strengthen their critical thinking skills; and learn how to work alongside and collaborate with students from another country. They are more aware and accepting of others who may not be or look like them, and often develop a deeper understanding of the world as a whole. Testimonials following the exchanges reveal life changing experiences and friendships formed across the globe.