

Dear Students and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer with memorable moments with friends and family. I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and those joining us for the first time.

As we start the year, the Board of Education is hiring a new superintendent this fall. Posting information and timelines are available on the district website and Facebook page. In the meantime, I'm honoured to serve our staff, students, and families in this interim role until a permanent superintendent is appointed.

I want to extend my gratitude to our custodians, tech department, and facilities staff for their hard work over the summer, ensuring our schools are clean, prepared and upgraded. I also want to thank our transportation staff for ensuring the buses are serviced and ready to go. The updated bus schedules are now available on the district website.

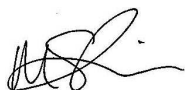
This year, we are excited to welcome more than 25 new employees to the district and numerous current staff members who have moved into new roles. We also want to honour and celebrate the many dedicated employees who have served families for decades. Our staff are committed to supporting student success in every aspect of education in inclusive and welcoming environments. These efforts are guided by the Board of Education's Strategic Plan and the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

One of the key changes this year is the implementation of the new "Digital Device Restrictions" in BC, based on the provincial mandate. These restrictions support a greater focus on learning and better mental health and well-being. School staff will meet with students next week to help transition them to this new policy and ensure everyone is well-informed of the changes.

We encourage families to stay engaged and connected with their local school staff and visit our district website/Facebook page for the latest information.

I wish everyone a successful 2024-2025 school year!

Regards,



Mike Skinner
Interim Superintendent