



Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June 15th, 2020

PARTNERS IN FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

All of our schools organized and helped to deliver food subsidy supports to many of our students and families over the last several months. This would not have been possible without contributions by many, many individuals, local organizations and businesses, including local Food Banks. The following is a quick smattering of recognition for all those that have helped. I have not tried to create a comprehensive list as we have so many partners and I would undoubtedly miss many, but did want to showcase some of the partnerships that I am aware of.



- In Fort St. James, **Colton Fulkerson and his team at Save On Foods** have been spectacular in working with our schools. **Jhen Brigdeman**, Youth Care Worker at FSJSS, who is integral to supporting our students with food at all times of the year, has been instrumental in helping to coordinate food supports for over 30 families with donations from **ACE Hardware** and the [Breakfast Club of Canada](#).
- A very big Thank You to the [Integrus Community Foundation](#) for a significant donation specific to assisting our schools with food subsidy programs.



- **MSJV, CGL, Falcon Camps/Horizon North, & InternationalSOS** each donated \$1000 to the vulnerable families food initiative in Fort Fraser / Fraser Lake. The presentation was made by **Ian Nearing & Debbie Hyde (MSJV)**, **Rene Schooderbeck (ISOS)**, **Jesse Erickson (CGL)**, and **Kyle Arnouse (Horizon North)**. Huge thanks to the team from FLESS and Mouse Mountain for their work in assembling & delivering our hampers,

and to the Fort Fraser Food Bank for their help in making this all happen.

- A big Thank You also to the [BC Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit and Milk](#) program that also contributed to all schools being able to support students and families.
- In **Burns Lake** and **Vanderhoof** there are numerous individuals and local businesses that supported our food programs and although they will be receiving messages of gratitude directly from our schools, I would like to acknowledge their contributions and hard work.



William Konkin's Sue Martens who has been so essential in helping with food programs for students and families. Sue is referred to as the WKE Angel! Thank you Sue for all that you have done!



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NECHAKO LAKES GRADUATION 2020

A very big THANK YOU to our four high school principals, vice principals and staff for being creative in planning and conducting special graduation ceremonies for our 2020 graduates. We are thankful to Dr. Rakel Kling and her team at Northern Health for reviewing our graduation plans and ensuring that we were well within the existing health and safety requirements. If you are interested in watching any of our graduation ceremonies up to June 14th, please see below.

Lakes District Secondary....click [HERE](#)

Fraser Lake Elem. / Sec. click [HERE](#)

Nechako Valley Secondary School Click [HERE](#)

Fort St. James Secondary – Friday, June 19th



Our entire school district congratulates each of our 2020 graduates, and although our school graduation events looked different from other years, we are pleased that each of our graduates was recognized in a unique and safe ceremony that celebrated this significant milestone. We know that the friends, families, and communities of each of our graduates is equally proud and will help to create memorable celebrations for our graduates. We want each of our graduates to know that we applaud their hard work and contributions to our schools and communities, and we look forward to hearing about their adventures and accomplishments in the years to come.

SAYING GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

Rosalie Nichiporuk was a School District trustee for 34 years, a good friend and passionate advocate for our schools. Rosalie passed away on June 12th following complications from a post-surgical infection. Rosalie loved life and laughter, and her positive energy will be missed by all of us that had the pleasure of working with her and calling her a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosalie's family.





SD 91'S EQUITY SCAN LEADS TO DIVERSITY COURSE FOR ALL GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Following our Aboriginal Education [Equity Scan](#) process in 2018-19, specific key programming initiatives emerged that were grouped into the following three areas:



I. **Culture and Language** – as a result we are working to increase our overall number of Language Teachers across the district as well as focusing on providing our employees with access to professional learning.

II. **Connectedness & Relationships** - It was identified in our scan that we need to build stronger relationships between students, parents, our employees, our communities, and First Nations leadership.

III. **Communication** – it was identified that although the school district has several communication channels, some focus on specifically communicating work being done to ensure success for indigenous students is needed.



Given the above and one of the [Board of Education's strategic goals](#) being to 'Honour Diversity', we will be introducing a module focused on diversity which will be offered to all grade 8 students in our district. The course is being created by **Leona Prince**, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, in consultation with **Dr. Dustin Louie**, University of Calgary and former SD 91 graduate, and is being reviewed and edited by a number of our teachers. We are excited to see this course begin in the Fall of 2020.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Rhonda Togyi, our District Principal of Learner Services, has advised that we have begun to welcome our newest learners to

their schools. All schools will have completed their [Welcome to Kindergarten](#) events by the end of next week. Schools had in-person, virtual and phone options to accommodate the needs of our newest families. During the Welcome to Kindergarten event, kindergarten parents can meet their child's teacher and some school staff, as well as get information and a kit of supplies to support their children in getting ready for kindergarten.



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SD 91 Middle Years Network

A big thanks to NVSS Vice Principal, **Denise Dowswell**, for helping to coordinate our school district's Middle Years Network. This team has been provided the opportunity to connect and collaborate with **Dr. Nancy Doda** throughout the year and again at an online institute occurring June 22nd – 26th. In addition, our school teams have participated in the [Middle Years webinar series](#) with Dr. Leyton Schnellert, hosted by SD 61.



SD 91 IN THE NEWS: (CLICK TITLE TO ACCESS ARTICLE)

- ❖ May 27th: [SCHOOLS IN SESSION](#)
- ❖ May 28th: [SCHOOL BUSES FOR SD 91 TO START JUNE 1ST](#)
- ❖ May 30th: [HERE IS WHAT FLESS STUDENTS CAN EXPECT](#)
- ❖ May 31st: [INTERVIEW WITH FSJSS PRINCIPAL](#)
- ❖ June 1st: [HEALTHY AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS](#)
- ❖ JUNE 3RD: [VANDERHOOF GRAD WRITES POEM TO CLASS OF 2020](#)
- ❖ JUNE 3RD: [VANDERHOOF REVERSE PARADE](#)
- ❖ JUNE 3RD: [LDSS CLASS TO GET UNCONVENTIONAL CEREMONY](#)
- ❖ JUNE 5TH: [VALEDICTORIAN, DARIA STRIMBOLD, TO REPRESENT BC AT WE VIRTUAL GRAD PARTY](#)
- ❖ JUNE 8TH: [FSJSS GRAD PLANS](#)
- ❖ JUNE 10TH: [LDSS GRADS RECEIVE A CHEQUE FROM THE RETURN-IT DEPOT](#)