



Looking Forward... Our 2017 - 2018 School Year

Welcome Back to School Message from the Board of Education

The Chilliwack Board of Education welcomes everyone back to school after another amazing summer in the Fraser Valley, while our thoughts continue to be with those living in areas of the province harshly affected by wildfires in recent months.

The upcoming school year promises to be a time of significant change and challenges, as we move closer to finalizing the details of grade reconfiguration for September 2018, and realize the impact of class size and composition requirements on our district. Our staff have been extremely busy recruiting and hiring new teachers to meet those needs, and will continue to do so in the months ahead, as will all districts in the province that are working to meet the requirements.

The Board will continue to advocate for the timely construction of a new school on the south side, as well as for the significant expansion of some of our other key school spaces to accommodate our growing district and implementation of the restored class size and composition language. We are confident that we will receive positive news from the Ministry on these issues in the months ahead.

We look forward to once again working with our parents and community to provide quality instruction and programming for all our students in the year ahead, and thank you for your patience as we enter this year of transition, which will likely see significant change and, at times, staff shortages.

Our schools and staff are ready and eager for another year of teaching and learning, and we encourage parents to go to their school to register if you have not yet done so. The school district learning journey for 2017-2018 has begun and the Board is excited about the upcoming year.



Chilliwack Board of Education

Board Chair Paul McManus, Bob Patterson, Barry Neufeld, Silvia Dyck, Board Vice Chair Walter Krahn, Dan Coulter, Heather Maahs

Welcome Back to School Message from the Superintendent

I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer!

Welcome to students, parents and partners to what is going to be an exciting 2017-2018 school year. On Tuesday, September 5th more than 14,000 students embarked on a new school year. As always, the success of all of our students is our top priority. Our Strategic Plan focuses on Instruction, Community and Culture, Social Emotional Wellness and Resources, ensuring that we continue to support and improve student achievement.



Evelyn Novak

We've had a very busy summer at the Chilliwack School District – in fact the busiest ever – in making sure we have the teachers and instructional spaces we need to address growth in our system as well as the class size and composition requirements of the agreement between the Ministry of Education and the BC Teachers' Federation. Thank you to everyone who has worked extremely hard to prepare us for this year! We are working with the Ministry on plans for a new south side school. We are also continuing to plan for the Reconfiguration of our schools to grades K to 5 (Elementary), 6 to 8 (Middle) and 9 to 12 (Secondary), which is set to be launched in fall 2018.

2017-2018 will be a busy year in our school district and I'm very grateful that we have the highly qualified and dedicated staff, as well as strong relationships with our families and community stakeholders, to help bring our goals to fruition. We are here to serve our students and will continue to work as "Partners in Learning" throughout the year.

All the best for a great school year of learning, achieving and growing!

Attention Motorists

Red Overhead Flashing Warning Lights

Stop when approaching a school bus from either direction (min. 10 metres). This means the school bus is stopped to either load or unload students.

Amber Overhead Flashing Warning Lights

Slow down and proceed with caution and be prepared to stop as the bus will be stopping to either load or unload students.

