



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM THE CHILLIWACK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome back! On behalf of the Chilliwack Board of Education, we are pleased to welcome students and staff to the new school year. This past summer has seen unprecedented forest fires in many parts of our country. Our hearts go out to all the families in B.C. and across Canada impacted by wildfires who have lost their homes or livelihoods. We are thankful for the firefighters' brave efforts, helping families in displaced communities return home when possible. Also, with gratitude, we honour members of our communities who have volunteered their time to help families displaced due to wildfires. Our thoughts are with the families of the two firefighters who lost their lives while protecting our homes in B.C. this year.

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break, that you have had many opportunities to spend time with family and loved ones, and that you are looking forward to the school year! A special welcome to our new families and staff members, we wish you the best as you start your next educational journey with us!

Each summer, our Facilities crews do outstanding work maintaining and upgrading our school sites. We want to express our sincere gratitude to these staff for their incredible work preparing our schools for school opening in September. We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.



Chilliwack Board of Education

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Chilliwack remains a growing community and enrollments continue to grow across the district. We thank the Ministry of Education and Child Care for its continued investments in new schools in Chilliwack and look forward to information on project funding for a new east-side elementary school.

Recent protests against the LGBTQIA2S+ community across Canada have highlighted the fact that hate is present and increasing in our society. We strongly believe that everyone should be allowed to be their authentic selves, free from discrimination, harassment, and intimidation. The Chilliwack School District is committed to upholding the B.C. Human Rights Code and ensuring that the human rights of every individual are respected and protected within our district. We look forward to working with our parents and community to provide quality instruction, programming, and support for all students in a safe, inclusive environment where they can be inspired to thrive.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome Back! I sincerely hope you had a great summer with family and friends and had time to rejuvenate. This past summer has been challenging for many B.C. families who have lost their homes due to forest fires. It is heartwarming to witness so many British Columbians stepping up to provide support and shelter for families impacted by this tragedy.

Welcome to all the new families and staff members joining us this year! Chilliwack is a great place to work and learn, where trust and vulnerability are fundamental in all we do, and we are glad that you have chosen to join the Chilliwack family. We are proud of our school district and the amazing staff members who work in various roles to support student success. We know that part of students' success in our schools is because we have caring adults who become advocates and champions for every student in our school community.

Thank you to our facilities staff for your continued commitment to preparing our schools for opening in September. Each year, we have the privilege to return to shiny, clean schools which greatly enhances the back-to-school experience for students and staff.

This year, student learning updates will align with the new Ministry of Education and Child Care Reporting Policy that came into effect on July 1, 2023. The learning students engage in today is more complex than ever, and B.C. redesigned the curriculum to respond to the needs of today's learners. This curriculum gives your child a strong reading, writing, and math foundation, while also teaching your child how to think, communicate, solve problems, and use their knowledge in ways that matter in the school and community.

This year grades K-9 will use the Provincial Proficiency Scale, and grades 10-12 will use letter grades and percentages to report student learning. A graduation status update will be provided at the end of the year (10-12).

Academic success and social and emotional wellness for students remain our top priority, as reflected in our Strategic Plan which focuses on Literacy, Numeracy, Human and Social Development and Transitions. As we begin our third year of implementation of our Strategic Plan, we will continue to improve student achievement and success across these key areas that will support every student to be a successful graduate prepared for opportunities in a changing world.

Finally, as "Partners in Learning", I encourage you to connect with your student's teachers and school administration to enhance communication and collectively support the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual learning needs of your student(s). I look forward to a school year full of growth, opportunities, and success for students and adults in our thriving community. Have a great school year!



Superintendent of Schools
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OUR VISION:

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**-One heart, one mind, working together
for a common purpose.**

