

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

September 12, 2023, Public Board Meeting



District Wide Professional Development Day – October 6th, 2023

A graphic for an event. On the left is a circular illustration of an Indigenous person in a red hat reading a book to a child. The background is a blurred crowd. A large red semi-circle contains the text 'OUR JOURNEY TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION' in white. Below this, in black text on a white background, is 'OCTOBER 6, 2023' and 'CHILLIWACK COLISEUM'. Above the red semi-circle, it says 'Chilliwack School District Presents...'. At the bottom left of the graphic, it says 'Credit: Sxwoxil, Jay Roberts'.

All staff in the school district will take part in this significant day of education as we advance on our path towards Truth and Reconciliation. The day's agenda features a message from the Honourable Steven Point, former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and current chancellor of the University of British Columbia. It will also include keynote addresses from [Len Pierre](#), and [Dr. Keith Carlson](#). Additionally, we'll engage in discussions with a panel of local Indigenous leaders (*Chief Derek Epp, Chief Mark Point, Chief Lara Mussell, Chief Dave Jimmie*), aimed at deepening our understanding and commemorating the historical truths conveyed by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit knowledge keepers.

October 6th will be an important day and an opportunity for staff to come together to reflect and learn as individuals and a school district team regarding the past, including acknowledgement of the harm inflicted on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We will continue to be committed to acts of reconciliation, decolonization and building relationships in our communities and schools, recognizing our role in leading for equity.

Summer School Update

This past July, we offered a robust Summer Learning Program at various sites around Chilliwack, including CSS, SSS Farm, Fairfield Island Park, Blue Heron Nature Reserve, Tzeachten, Sardis Park, and Skwah First Nation. A total of 42 courses were provided to students in grades 1 -12. New this summer, we were able to offer bussing from SSS and GWG.

Please select the link for a one-page summary regarding the [2023 District Summer School program](#).

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WEB and LINK Crew Update

During the last week of August all 6 Middle Schools and our 3 Largest High Schools (CSS, GWG, SSS) ran **WEB** (Where Everyone Belongs) and **Link Crew Programs** to assist students with the transition to middle and secondary schools. Each program was led by one or two teaching staff members who have committed to their personal training as well as the training of their **WEB and Link Crew leaders**. Approx. 1100 Grade 6's and 1200 Grade 9's were welcomed into their respective schools and were connected with senior students who will act as their mentor throughout the school year.

Please select the link for a one-page summary regarding the [WEB and LINK Crew strategic plan story](#).

Enrolment Update September 11, 2023

ANALYSIS HEAD COUNT SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

EXCLUDES CONTINUING EDUCATION & ALTERNATE EDUCATION HEAD COUNT

HC SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2020 (K-12)	13,344
Change	469
HC SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021 (K-12)	13,813
Change	263
HC SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2022 (K-12)	14,076
Change	444
HC SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023 (K-12)	14,520
Percentage Increase HC 2020 to 2021	3.51%
Percentage Increase HC 2021 to 2022	1.90%
Percentage Increase HC 2022 to 2023	3.15%

ANALYSIS FTE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Total FTE As of Sep. 11, 2023	15086.00
Budgeted Total FTE (Includes CE and ALT)	14983.70
DIFFERENCE (Increase or Decrease)	102.30

On Monday, September 11, the student population in the District, excluding Alternate Students and Continuing Education Students, stood at 14,520. When factoring in the additional courses anticipated to be taken by students in grades 10-12, the projected full-time equivalent enrollment is estimated to be around 15,086.