



September 21, 2021 Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report

1. Return to school:

SD10 was pleased to welcome back staff and students on September 7. Overall district enrollment sits at 516 students. Schools and classrooms organized engaging activities to build community and start the year in a good way, and we extend a warm SD10 welcome to new and returning students and families. Special thanks to our principals, vice-principals, school, and district staff for all their efforts in making school start-up successful. While we had hoped to begin the year in a more traditional manner, schools continue to follow COVID health and safety guidelines in the K-12 setting. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>. The district also shifted its Pandemic Response Plan to the required Communicable Disease Prevention Plan <https://sd10.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SD10-Communicable-Disease-Prevention-Plan-September-2021.pdf>

SD10 is also following additional guidelines as set out by Interior Health. These guidelines include:

- Indoor assemblies are limited to 50 people or two classes (whatever is larger) in a single space
- Visitors entering the school should be limited to those supporting activities that are beneficial to student learning and well-being
- Extracurricular school sports should follow the Interior Health guidelines for gathering and events where sports and tournaments are allowed. Spectators should be limited to 50 indoors and 100 outdoors
- Interior Health will be holding vaccination clinics for school communities at Nakusp Secondary on September 21, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, and at Lucerne Elementary Secondary school on September 28, from 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

2. Facilities Update:

SD10 facilities were extremely busy over the summer. Thanks goes out to Manager of Operations, Art Olson, district maintenance/facilities staff and custodians for their tireless work. In addition to the usual summer maintenance and school cleaning, the following projects were taking place:

- NSS: Chain link fencing in northwest field including backstop for soccer net.
- NSS: Electronic irrigation system installed.
- NSS: 30 new windows installed with trim.
- NSS: Heating upgrades at began over the summer.
- BES: New flooring installed in one classroom and main office.
- BES: New roof installed.
- Lucerne: New flooring of science room, one classroom and two small work areas.
- Lucerne: New fence project for lower play area.
- Lucerne: Duct cleaning of whole school
- Nakusp Child Care Center construction is on-going
- District bus garage construction is on-going

3. Forest Fires:

The forest fire season started early this year and had an impact on our district. Edgewood and Fauquier communities were evacuated, and the Burton community were placed on evacuation alert. The district was approached to assist with transportation support for evacuations if needed, and the district insured its fleet of busses and many our bus drivers offered to drive if called upon. While our fleet and staff were not called upon, it has come to the attention of the district that we may play a role in forest fire support in the future.