



September 20, 2022, Superintendent's Report

1. New School Year Brings Excitement and Growth:

We were pleased to welcome students back to classes on September 6 with engaging activities throughout the first week to get students excited about returning to learning. Schools also used the first week to start to build their community and set up their year in a positive way for staff and student success.

With many new faces among staff and students we continue to see growth in our enrollment numbers across the district with initial total enrollment numbers at 547, which is a marked increase from June's enrollment. This of course can change as the first few weeks of school can change day to day as students and families settle into the rhythm of a new school year. In addition to our many new students, we are also welcoming several new staff to all areas of the organization, and we are thrilled that they have joined the SD10 family.

SD10 and the Board of Education will similarly embark on our own journey of setting ourselves up for success. This year we will be welcoming in a new Board of Education in November and begin the consultative process of developing a new five-year District Strategic Plan. Input from all our partner groups will be essential for this process and we encourage everyone to take an active role in the planning of this important plan for the future of the district. Additional information will be shared as soon as it is available.

2. Busy Summer in SD10 Facilities:

This past summer was one of the busiest in recent memory. Operations Manager Art Olson, along with maintenance and facilities staff worked across the district completing regular summer maintenance and deep clean of schools in addition to several large-scale projects.

Some of the projects included:

- NES new office space, staffroom, and classroom construction
- NES exterior painting project
- NSS capital HVAC project and installation of new boilers
- NSS electronic irrigation installation
- BES and EES duct cleaning
- BES and EES reflooring
- BES new library construction and new window treatments in all classrooms
- SBO interior painting
- Maintenance to facility security systems across the district

Our hats are off to this amazing team of people! We appreciate the efforts made to complete this important work over the summer months to keep our schools in excellent condition and ready for the return of staff and students.

3. New Electric Busses Have Arrived:

The district was excited to receive our three new electric busses which were delivered at the end of August with thanks to Western Canada Bus. The new busses received full inspections and were cleared for our routes shortly after their arrival. SD10 bus drivers participated in training and orientation in the operation of electric busses, facilitated by ASTS BC and had a chance to test drive them prior to school start up.

With charging stations located in the District's bus garage, at Nakusp Secondary School and Burton Elementary School we are excited to deploy our three new busses on our regular bus runs. The first week of school saw one electric bus on the Crescent Bay run, and another on the Box Lake run as of the second week of school. The third bus is expected to be on the road for the Fauquier run in the coming weeks. Each bus can seat 76 passengers and can travel safely for 170 km on a full charge. We are thrilled to have these eco-friendly busses in our fleet and look forward to years of service for SD10 students.

4. Edgewood Elementary in The News:

CTV News Vancouver aired a lovely story on Edgewood Elementary this past week. Acting Principal, Brent Cook, and teacher Erika Momeyer were interviewed and sang the praises of the small school and its important role in the community. CTV news reporter Michele Brunoro reached out to the district to do the story after hearing about the wonderful Edgewood community and the outdoor education focus of the school. We are very proud of the work that the staff at Edgewood is doing to support the students, families, and the community.