



## September 19, 2023, Superintendent's Report

### 1. Start of School Excitement:

We were pleased to welcome students back to classes on September 5<sup>th</sup>, with engaging activities throughout the first week to get students excited about returning to learning. Schools also used the first week to build community and set up their year in a positive way for student success.

We are pleased to see enrollment numbers across the district holding steady with an initial total enrollment at 526 Full Time Equivalent (FTE). This number can change over the first month of school as families settle in. In addition to new students at our schools, we are also welcoming several new staff to all areas of the organization, and we are thrilled that they have all joined the SD10 family.

### 2. Another Busy Summer in SD10 Facilities:

The district saw another busy summer in our buildings. 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:

- Maintenance to security systems across the district
- Fire system check across the district
- NSS duct cleaning
- NSS heating upgrade - phase 3
- NSS and Lucerne installation of grease hoods for stoves in foods rooms
- Lucerne new flooring in computer room, one classroom, and storage room
- Lucerne and EES replacement of 4 interior doors
- NES irrigation in the courtyard garden
- NES new plumbing fixture upgrade
- NES bathroom floors
- NELCC boiler work
- BES new flooring
- BES staff kitchen expansion and upgrade
- New concrete pad for the bus wash bay

Our thanks 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. Nakusp Early Learning and Child Care Centre Enjoys First Summer of Programming:**

The district was thrilled to see the NELCC open over the summer and provide programs to children. The school-age summer camp program was a huge success opening for eight weeks in July and August with full enrollment of 12 children each week from 9am to 3pm. Activities included beachcombing and other outdoor adventures, all sorts of interesting art projects, mad science experiments, and plenty of fun and games.

The multi-age program was busy with seven children throughout the summer. Three children under the age of three and four children aged three to five years old kept the staff on their toes, but there was always laughter and joy throughout the day. The Centre was pleased to hold their first "Graduation Ceremony" with the NELCC's first graduate entering Kindergarten this September.

Thanks goes out to the amazing NELCC staff and district and custodial staff for making the first summer in operation so successful. There was a great deal of learning for the future, and we are already thinking about next summer!

### **4. Draft Strategic Plan Update:**

After a robust consultation process throughout the district both in-person and online last spring, as well as a steering committee working with the Board of Education in June and September, the draft strategic plan is nearing completion and will be distributed in the coming weeks. The Board of Education is asking all partner groups and stakeholders to provide feedback throughout the month of October. In-person consultation as well as an online option will be provided.

### **5. Special Welcome:**

We are pleased to welcome Michael Garvey who will be taking on the role of District Elder this year. Michael has been an Elder in Residence for the last two years at Nakusp Elementary and will continue his role supporting students as well as working with Indigenous Support Teachers and resident Elders at each school. Michael brings a wealth of knowledge, compassion, and care to the role, and is a wonderful asset to our district.