



September 8, 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that your summer was filled with fun and good times with family and friends. We have had a very productive summer, with several projects and programs taking place. Our summer programs at the Nakusp Early Learning and Child Care Centre were again successful, and District and Facilities staff have worked tirelessly to ensure all our buildings are ready for students today.

As I say each year at this time, September brings anticipation, excitement, and even a bit of fear and anxiety. Returning to school always brings mixed emotions, and it takes time to get back into daily routines. Maintaining good sleep habits, adopting healthy nutrition practices, and limiting screen time are effective ways to support a positive start to the year.

We know that we cannot predict the future, but we can do our best to plan and prepare for the different scenarios that might emerge throughout the year. Ensuring the right supports and resources are in place, seeking to understand before being understood, asking for help when needed, and showing care and compassion for one another will help us navigate the uncertainties, challenges, and successes of the year ahead. Learning is a journey that can be exciting and rewarding, but it can also present challenges along the way. Through open communication, collaboration, and a commitment to supporting one another, we can navigate the next ten months together with confidence and purpose. When issues do arise, please follow our district guidelines for [Resolving Your Concerns](#).





I am pleased to share that student self-reporting data from last spring indicate that overall student satisfaction with school remains positive. They indicated a strong sense of belonging at school, characterized by positive adult connections and a supportive school culture. Students feel that school is a welcoming and safe place to be every day, where staff care and believe that students can be successful. We are pleased with these results, but we know there are still areas for improvement.

Academically, we are seeing improvements in reading, writing, and numeracy competency; however, we need to place more emphasis on the number of students who are still emerging and developing in these areas, increase their proficiency, and continue to challenge students in all areas. While our literacy data shows excellent growth, we do need to focus on numeracy and ensure that students are developing all aspects of being a numerate learner. This will be a focus at each school this year.

Collaborating with your child's teacher(s) is critical to ensuring growth and development in all aspects of student learning. I encourage you to communicate with our dedicated, caring staff to support learning at home and at school.

I am excited for the year ahead and wish you all good health and happiness. I thank you for your ongoing support and care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Dubinsky', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

