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Dear SD43 families,

In June of this year, the federal government announced a new annual statutory day to commemorate and honour those who were lost, the indigenous survivors, and the families and communities who continue to grieve, as a result of the residential school system in Canada. Recognizing this historic tragedy and the ongoing trauma is an important step toward reconciliation. This new federal statutory day is called **Truth and Reconciliation Day** and will be held annually on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Ministry of Education has informed BC school districts that on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, schools will be closed to honour this day. As a result of this information, SD43 schools and sites will not be in session and 2021-2022 school calendars will be adjusted to reflect this change.

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable end to the summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia Gartland'.

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent/CEO