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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I warmly welcome returning and new families to our school district. I hope your summer was enjoyable.

School start-up and the month of September are busy and exciting times of year for students and parents. Every year staff process enrolments, plan class lists, and organize classrooms, among many other important tasks required to get students settled into classes as smoothly and quickly as possible.

As summer comes to a close, I am pleased to share the success of the Summer Learning Program and applaud the students that took part. Over 7000 registrants, took part in courses for grades 1-12, offered at 9 elementary, 3 middle and 2 secondary locations. In addition to the summer learning, students, families and staff collected 2288 lbs of food and over \$1400 cash for the SHARE Society as well as donations for KidSport as part of a charitable initiative – well done!

Summer is also a busy time for many of our district staff as buildings are maintained and upgraded. Major maintenance/upgrade projects, representing several million dollars, include:

- finishing off the Banting Middle School parking lot,
- beginning a six classroom addition at Westwood Elementary,
- boiler replacement at Mountain View Elementary,
- significant Mechanical/HVAC Upgrades at Dr. Charles Best Secondary, Summit Middle, and Hazel Trembath,
- a new dust collector system at Hillcrest Middle,
- classroom conversions at Port Moody Secondary, Montgomery Middle and Maple Creek Middle.
- library renovation at James Park Elementary,
- exterior painting at Pinetree Secondary School and Community Centre along with Terry Fox Secondary, Scott Creek Middle, Cedar Drive Elementary and Parkland Elementary,
- numerous drainage, flooring, exterior lighting, and water station installation projects throughout the District.

A special thank you to staff that have worked diligently to get our schools ready for students!

Our district prides itself on being a top-performing district with some of B.C.'s highest student achievement levels. This year, as always, we continue to strive to help every child achieve individual success.

Again, welcome back. I wish your family all the best for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland  
Superintendent of Schools  
School District No.43 (Coquitlam)